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Kindra Nelson, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner coordinator for Sinai Health System, in the emergency department.

Assaulted, arrested

Women seek help at ER, but old warrants find them; a new law will allow police to request waivers

BY ALISON BOWEN

One woman was pinned to the emergency room floor by officers after her rape kit was done. Another woman was handcuffed to her hospital bed before the exam could begin. Both were sexual assault survivors who went to an Illinois emergency room seeking help. Both were arrested instead.

Police officers who respond to emergency room calls can and do jail sexual assault survivors who have warrants out for their arrest, even for offenses like unpaid parking tickets, shoplifting or failure to appear in court.

"This doesn't seem fair, nor the right time," said Sarah Layden, director of programs and public policy at survivor support nonprofit Resilience.

New legislation signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker in July, which will go into effect in June, will change this practice. Instead of immediately executing a warrant, police officers who find a warrant for a survivor of sexual assault seeking medical care would request a waiver to avoid the arrest.

Ilse Knecht, director of policy and advocacy at the Joyful Heart Foundation, said she has

"It's so humiliating to this patient who has already had the most humiliating thing done to them."

— Kindra Nelson, nurse educator and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner coordinator for Sinai Health System

heard of similar situations across the country and that it can have a chilling effect on victims coming forward.

"It sounds like the new law recognizes that and presses the pause button, so that survivors can get through this

moment and deal with the crime that's committed against them," she said.

Kindra Nelson, nurse educator and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner coordinator for Sinai Health System, recounted the two examples above of patients arrested in Mount Sinai Hospital's emergency room. In the case of the woman pinned to the floor,

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Partisan battles at House hearing

Sources: Dems to announce 2 articles of impeachment

BY LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's efforts to "cheat to win an election" are a threat to national security, the top Democratic investigator testified Monday as the House Judiciary Committee pushes ahead with articles of impeachment.

In an acrimonious daylong hearing, Democrats outlined their case against the president, saying Trump's push to have Ukraine investigate rival Joe Biden while withholding U.S. military aid ran counter to U.S. policy and benefited Russia as well as himself. Trump and his allies railed against the "absurd" proceedings, with Republicans defending the president as having done nothing wrong ahead of the 2020 election.

The outcome, though, appears increasingly set as Democrats prepare at least two, if not more, articles of impeachment against Trump, likely charging him with an abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. A Judiciary committee vote could come as soon as this week.

House Democrats are expected to unveil two articles of impeachment against Trump on Tuesday that will focus on abuse of power and obstructing Congress and would be voted on by the House later this month, according to three offi-

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FBI probe justified, watchdog report says

BY MICHAEL BALSAMO AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI was justified in opening its investigation into ties between the Trump presidential campaign and Russia and did not act with political bias, the Justice Department's internal watchdog declared Monday, undercutting President Donald Trump's repeated claims that he has merely been the target of a "witch hunt."

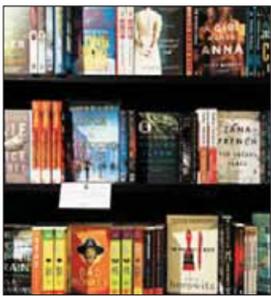
The report rejected theories and criticism spread by Trump and his supporters, though it also found "serious performance failures" up the bureau's chain of command that are likely to be cited by Republican allies as the president faces a probable impeachment vote this month.

The review by Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz found that the FBI was authorized to open the investigation to protect against a potential national security threat. Information compiled by former British spy Christopher Steele, a focus of Republican criticism, "played no role in the Crossfire Hurricane opening," the report said, using the name the FBI gave its investigation.

And the report ruled out political bias in the decision to investigate ties between the Trump campaign and Russia, a frequent contention by Trump.

But the inspector general identified 17 "significant inaccuracies or omissions" in appli-

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Are bookstores coming back?

Local bookstores, beset by Amazon and Borders and Barnes & Noble and the digital drift of history, began to look very 20th century. But then the big-box giants faded and independent bookshops exploded back into neighborhoods. One Chicago shop, Volumes, is trying to find success on North Michigan Avenue, a place normally reserved for chains and flagships. **Christopher Borrelli, A+E**

Bears linebacker done for the season

Roquan Smith goes on injured reserve with a torn pectoral muscle that will require surgery. **Chicago Sports**

Officials: Luggage was being searched when rapper had seizure

Guns, drugs found at Midway; Juice Wrld, 21, died in hospital

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL AND MEGAN CREPEAU

Chicago rapper Juice Wrld suffered convulsions and went into cardiac arrest as police and federal agents were searching his and his entourage's luggage for guns and drugs at a private hangar at Midway Airport over the weekend, according to law enforcement sources.

The rapper's girlfriend, asked by police if he had any medical issues or had ingested any drugs, replied that he takes Percocet, a painkiller, and "has a drug problem," the sources said.

The officers and agents had been waiting at the Atlantic Aviation hangar at Midway early Sunday because they sus-



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Rapper Juice Wrld throws a ceremonial first pitch before a White Sox game on June 30.

pected the private plane from Los Angeles carrying the musician — whose real name was Jarad Higgins — was carrying contraband, the sources said. The search turned up 41

"vacuum-sealed" bags of marijuana, six bottles of prescription codeine cough syrup, two 9 mm pistols, a .40-caliber pistol, a high-capacity ammunition magazine and metal-piercing bullets, according to the sources. Two men identified by police as working security for Higgins were charged with misdemeanor offenses for illegally possessing the guns and ammunition.

The sudden death of the rising 21-year-old rapper led to an outpouring of grief, including from celebrity fans who remembered him as a kind and innovative young talent — "the fastest brain in the game," singer Halsey wrote on Instagram.

"I would like to see all the younger talent live longer and I hate waking up hearing another story filled with blessings was

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AN APPRECIATION OF RAPPER JUICE WRLD

Contradictions were part of Jarad Higgins' life while growing up in suburban Homewood. He was transparent about his experimentation with drugs as a youth, and his songs continued to reference their presence in his life. At the same time, his musical savvy was apparent; his mother paid for piano lessons and he was highly regarded as a musician and aspiring songwriter in school. **Greg Kot, A+E**



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Working two jobs but can't afford food for the family.

THAT, DEAR READER, IS WHERE YOU COME IN.



REX W. HUPPKE

For two hours each Wednesday, the basement of Harmony Community Church in North Lawndale becomes a food pantry.

A sparse space of concrete floors and glass-block windows fills with volunteers stationed behind an L-shaped arrangement of long folding tables stacked with cans of beans and jars of peanut butter, loaves of bread and cartons of eggs, milk and meats and grapes and strawberries.

Close to 250 people come each week. And if you bear witness long enough, the near-constant rustling of plastic bags and the chatter of "How are you today?" and "Thank you" fades to white noise, the bustle of people heaving boxes and pushing carts slows and the simplicity of what's happening comes into focus. It's the most basic act of human kindness: giving food to people who don't have enough.

"Nobody should go hungry," said Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, a food pantry volunteer from Forest Park. "Nobody. I don't care what their situation is."

John Lattyak, a fellow longtime volunteer, concurred: "The fortunate need to help the less fortunate. That's how it has to work."

The pantry at Harmony Community Church — located just off Ogden Avenue in a neighborhood where more than half of the population is at risk of food insecurity — works in large part because of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which supplies the pantry with 95% of its food.

That's not an unusual situation. The Food Depository works with more than 700 food pantries, soup kitchens and other community assistance programs throughout Cook County.

Simply put, without the Food Depository's help, pantries like the one at Harmony church would struggle to meet the need in their communities, a need that's often wildly misunderstood.

Leaving the food pantry on a recent Wednesday morning, Tracey Scott pushed a heavy box of canned goods and fresh vegetables along the floor with her foot while carrying two other plastic bags.

She's 50, a single mother with a 10-year-old son and



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Volunteers David Posner, from left, Anita Goldstein and Ibtissam Ghanem serve clients at the St. Ignatius Church food pantry in Rogers Park last week.

two part-time jobs. Her father has dementia and she's caring for him as well.

"All my money goes toward my living expenses," Scott said. "So where do I find money to buy food? I need that money to put gas in my car so I can get to my jobs."

In many ways, Scott is the face of the modern-day food pantry client. She's technically doing all the right things but still struggling to make ends meet.

She knows the stereotypes and knows that's not who she is: "All of us are not drinking and drugging. I'm a single mom and I have to take care of my family. If it weren't for these pantries, I wouldn't be able to make it."

Denese Penner-Smith used to come to the Harmony pantry to put food on her table, and now she volunteers each week, offering a kind word to every person in line.

"As long as it lasts, from this can to this bag," she said, pointing to the borders of the table space she oversees, "I'll try to make you smile."

She relates to the situation Scott and so many others face: "Rent, lights, gas. You might work eight days a week, but you still don't have enough."

So the pantry is there, again, for that most basic form of help.

"You can go home," Penner-Smith said, "and not worry about starving."

In that crowded basement, and in other church basements and community centers and schools across Cook County, you can see kindness realized. You can see, as Lattyak said, how it

"All my money goes toward my living expenses. So where do I find money to buy food?"

— Tracey Scott

has to work.

So I'm asking you all, those who enjoy my columns and those who find them uniquely loathsome, to come together and help make sure this kindness can continue, at Harmony and at all places the Food Depository supplies.

The Second-Annual Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive is in full swing, and the whole thing benefits the Food Depository. This is the link to the donation page: <http://myfooddrive.org/#InsultRex>.

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If the RexStinks team donates more, here's what happens: I write a column in which I highlight my many shortcomings and generally insult myself mercilessly AND I post and promote a video of me standing outside the Tribune in January wearing an "I STINK" T-shirt and shorts and having a large bucket of ice water dumped on my dumb, liberal head.

If the RexRocks team donates more — and that

team is currently WAY ahead in donations — here's what happens: I write a column praising myself to the sky, something sure to make my detractors despondent AND I post and promote a video of me standing outside the Tribune in January, dressed warmly and doing a celebratory happy dance.

Regardless of which team wins, the Food Depository will reach out to the top 20 donors to the RexStinks team and mail them each a suitable-for-framing, signed certificate in which I will declare the following: "I, Rex Huppke, hereby certify that I am a true idiot, a Grade-A moron, a terrible columnist and a FAKE NEWS fop-doodle." And the top 20 donors to the RexRocks team will each receive an official, suitable-for-framing, signed "Certificate of Eternal Gratitude from the Chicago Tribune's Rex Huppke."

(All donors will remain anonymous to me and the Chicago Tribune, and I will personally reimburse the Food Depository for the mailing costs. The Greater Chicago Food Depository is also one of five charities in the 2019 Chicago Tribune Holiday Giving campaign.)

We can disagree on a multitude of issues, but making sure people in our communities have enough to eat is a basic act of human kindness around which we should be able to unite.

Please let your opinion of me, whatever it may be, do some good this holiday season.

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Ex-escort gets prison time for nearly \$6M fraud

BY MORGAN GREENE

A former escort was sentenced to more than four years in prison Monday, convicted of racking up millions of dollars in charges — including trips, jewelry and even breast implants — after her one-time boyfriend gave her access to his corporate credit card.

Crystal Lundberg, wearing a black-and-white sweater and standing before U.S. District Judge Elaine Bucklo, took a breath and paused as she spoke in Chicago federal court.

Emotional and apologetic, Lundberg talked about wanting to improve her children's lives after overcoming her own difficult upbringing, outlined earlier by her defense attorney.

"I did what I could for my kids," Lundberg said. "I just want to give my kids the life I never had. I am definitely

changed mentally, emotionally, and I know I can't take back what I've done."

Lundberg also said she "will never take a handout or depend on a man" again.

Bucklo noted the appearance was the first time Lundberg had shown remorse for the 15-month-long scheme.

Lundberg and her one-time boyfriend, Scott Kennedy, a former Buffalo Grove executive, were charged in 2017 with a walloping fraud ploy, the details of which the Tribune revealed in a front-page story in August 2017.

Kennedy met Lundberg in 2015 through backpage.com, a site that advertised sexual services. After several dates, the pair developed a friendship.

"If we were going to try to make a go at it as a couple, I kinda thought it would be permanent," Kennedy told jurors at the fraud trial in

May. Lundberg sometimes stopped by Kennedy's home just "talk about life," he said.

But in October 2015, Kennedy's American Express bill jumped to more than \$40,000, he testified.

"My credit cards were all maxed out, and I was living hand-to-mouth, paycheck-to-paycheck," he said.

In November 2015, Kennedy gave Lundberg access to a company credit card, authorities said. In less than two years, the pair racked up \$5.8 million in charges to the France-based drug delivery firm Nemera, where Kennedy was a top financial official.

Much of the spending came after Lundberg moved in 2016 with her children and pets to San Diego. The company unwittingly footed her \$12,000-a-month rent for a mansion, according to evidence presented at trial.

While in California,

Lundberg spent about \$585,000 in a failed attempt to open a medical spa, called the Royalty Room. Additional expenses included two Rolex watches at a combined cost of \$60,000, a personal driver for \$8,000 a month and two purebred dogs that cost as much as \$6,000, according to the prosecution.

She also flew to Miami in 2016 to have breast implants and liposuction done by a surgeon she found on YouTube, prosecutors said.

Kennedy was fired from his \$175,000-a-year job as manager for Nemera's Buffalo Grove plant after the fraud was discovered. He pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud in 2018 and agreed to cooperate against Lundberg.

"It seemed like everything I was doing, including breaking the law, was in vain," Kennedy testified. "I'm not getting anything out of this.

I'm not being loved."

Lundberg's attorney, Glen Jazwiec, called Kennedy's testimony self-serving.

"He wants you to believe that Crystal Lundberg is responsible for all this," Jazwiec said. "Scott Kennedy set this all up because he wanted to be with Crystal."

A federal jury convicted Lundberg of multiple counts of wire fraud in May. She faced up to seven years in prison.

In arguing for a multiyear sentence, prosecutors said Lundberg's role in the fraud was "knowing, blatant and wholly inexcusable," adding that she reassured Kennedy they'd pay back the stolen money "using a fictional trust set up by her equally fictional adoptive father."

"He wanted her, and she wanted stuff," Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathryn Malizia said in her closing argument

in May. "She wanted money. She wanted clothes. She wanted trips. She wanted a mansion. And they were both willing to lie to get what they wanted."

On Monday, before Bucklo handed down the sentence, Lundberg spoke up to say she had new information — she sought Kennedy's approval for the transactions and Kennedy approved. Her attorney appeared to be discouraging her from continuing that line of thought.

Bucklo said she appreciated Lundberg trying to do the right thing for her children but said the sentence had to reflect an almost \$5.8 million fraud. She sentenced Lundberg to 53 months for the brazen scheme.

Lundberg is due to start her sentence early in 2020.

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Proposed city settlements stall in City Council committee

Aldermen did not address witness, family of man who died in custody

BY JOHN BYRNE

Aldermen did not vote Monday on two proposed settlements, one for a woman who witnessed the fatal Chicago police shooting of Laquan McDonald and said officers afterward belittled her and accused her of lying about what she saw, and another for the family of a man who died in custody.

The Finance Committee held the \$125,000 proposed settlement for Alma Benitez, who sued the city because of her treatment by investigators after the infamous shooting.

Members also didn't vote on a proposed settlement of \$1.2 million for the family of Heriberto Godinez, who died in police custody in

2015.

Finance Committee Chairman Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, said he hopes votes will be taken on both when the committee reconvenes Wednesday.

Until recently, discussions of proposed settlements largely were a formality, with aldermen in nearly every instance taking the advice of city lawyers, who usually argue taxpayers could be on the hook for a much bigger payout if a lawsuit goes to trial and a jury decides the amount.

But recently, aldermen have begun to push back against the litany of payments they are expected to approve in cases involving alleged police wrongdoing.

The Godinez case drew widespread attention in the aftermath of the McDonald shooting because video showed an officer putting his foot on the handcuffed suspect's neck while arresting Godinez on the South-

west Side.

The proposed Godinez settlement earned criticism from some aldermen in briefings last week because of an autopsy that determined he died of cocaine and alcohol poisoning, with physical stress from his being restrained listed as "a significant contributing factor."

Some aldermen also questioned the payment to Benitez, asking how she was harmed and why city lawyers should settle the suit and expect taxpayers to foot the bill.

Benitez was in the driveway of a nearby Burger King the night in October 2014 that Officer Jason Van Dyke shot McDonald 16 times as the black teen was walking away from police while holding a small knife.

Benitez, then a 31-year-old mother of three, was one of the first witnesses at the scene to cry foul. That night, she gave an interview

to a local TV news station saying McDonald clearly posed no threat to the police at the time that Van Dyke opened fire.

"It was super-exaggerated," Benitez said in the interview aired hours later by WMAQ-Ch. 5. "You didn't need that many cops to begin with. They didn't need to shoot him."

In her lawsuit, Benitez claimed detectives questioned her at a nearby station for hours after the shooting, pressuring her to change her story and even insisting the police dashboard camera video of the shooting — which later became a national symbol of Chicago police brutality — contradicted her account that McDonald posed no threat to the officers.

"I felt like I was in a lion cage," Benitez said in a 2015 interview with the city inspector general's office. "I was real shocked that day. I'm like, these are the peo-

ple I'm supposed to trust when making a police report?"

City lawyers could bring the proposed Benitez settlement back to aldermen as-is at a later date, seek to reach a lower settlement with her or go to trial in the case.

In the Godinez case then-Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez declined to charge any officers, saying prosecutors couldn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt that excessive force was used because Godinez was resisting arrest.

Officers responded to calls of a disturbance in the Brighton Park neighborhood. They found Godinez, 24, in a garage and said they placed him in custody after the owners of the garage said they didn't know him. Godinez began sweating heavily, and his breathing became labored.

Officers called for help, but by the time paramedics

arrived, Godinez was unresponsive, officials said at the time.

"No way in hell I'm voting to give \$1.2 million to the estate of a coked-out gangbanger that died resisting arrest!" Ald. Raymond Lopez, whose 15th Ward is near the spot where Godinez was arrested, tweeted last week.

The Finance Committee also voted in favor of a \$1.3 million settlement for the family of Tevin Jones-Rogers, an 18-year-old high school student who was killed in 2017 when a vehicle that was fleeing from police on the Far South Side ran a red light and struck the car he was driving.

The full City Council will consider all settlements passed by the Finance Committee next week.

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CPS plan to close 2 charter schools blasted

Teachers union calls it 'racist and irresponsible'

BY HANNAH LEONE

From the beginning, the Chicago Teachers Union was critical of the Chicago Public Schools initiative through which Chicago Virtual Charter School and Frazier Preparatory Academy opened more than a decade ago.

Now the union is calling CPS' plan to close the two charter schools "an admission of failure by the district after decades of charter proliferation."

CPS is recommending the closures, saying the schools have performed poorly by the district's own metrics. If the Board of Education agrees to revoke the charters, more than 700 current students would have to find new schools next year.

The recommended closings of Chicago Virtual, which has 523 students, and Frazier, with 244 students, were foreshadowed in the annual School Quality Rating Policy (SQRP) ratings released in November.

Both schools opened as part of Renaissance 2010, an initiative of former Mayor Richard M. Daley's that aimed to increase school options in light of "early successes of the first group of charter schools in Chicago." The initiative aimed to open 100 schools by 2010 amid the closure of dozens of schools the district said were underperforming.

Since 2015, the Chicago Board of Education has used a "quality policy" to

review charter schools. In accordance with that policy, school officials conducted "comprehensive performance reviews" and said they found that Chicago Virtual and Frazier Prep were failing to provide a high-quality education to students.

No one from Chicago Virtual or Frazier responded to requests for comment.

CPS also cited financial and management concerns, including an ongoing investigation by the CPS inspector general into Chicago Virtual, which offers primarily online classes with weekly in-person sessions at its headquarters in the Near West Side.

Chicago Virtual, whose students range from kindergarten to 12th grade, had the lowest SQRP score of any charter serving high school students and second-lowest of any charter elementary. It also had the lowest rate of freshmen on track for graduation, and one of the district's lowest graduation rates, according to the CPS recommendation. The school failed to meet "the academic, financial, and operational standards necessary to operate in the district," CPS said.

CPS officials did not elaborate on their concerns about the virtual school's finances and management.

At Frazier Prep, a K-8 school in Lawndale, CPS further cited a failure to meet a contractual requirement to implement a successful remediation plan and improve the school enough to get it off the academic warning list. Students in the community have higher-quality options, according to CPS.

Actions on the agenda for Wednesday's Board of Education meeting would revoke charter agreements with Frazier and Chicago Virtual and authorize "wind down" agreements that would close the schools after the current school year.

The teachers union responded to the announcement with a statement calling the proposed closures an admission of failure and "continued attack on the lives of the city's Black and Brown children."

"Closing a school is yet another blow for the children living in these low-income neighborhoods," the teachers union wrote.

If the school board approves the closures, CPS will provide affected children help with finding new schools, along with social and emotional assessments.

"The district is committed to providing students with access to a quality education, especially in communities where students have fewer high-quality school options," CPS Chief Education Officer Latanya McDade said in a prepared statement.

A message on Frazier Prep's website asks parents to attend the board meeting and states that transportation will be provided. The meeting is planned for 5 p.m. Wednesday at Curie High School, 4959 S. Archer Ave.

Frazier became a CPS contract school in 2007 as part of the Renaissance 2010 plan. In 2013, it became a charter school.

Chicago Virtual Charter School opened in 2006, also as part of Renaissance 2010.

When the Chicago Board of Education approved its creation — to strong opposition from the teachers union — it was believed to be the state's first online public school, the Tribune reported.

No new charters will open next year in Chicago, as the only prospective charter operator withdrew its application, according to CPS.

The CTU contract finalized last month did not include moratoriums on school closures or charter school openings, both measures the union sought. However, it did include a side letter agreeing to a net-zero increase in the number of charter schools over the five-year contract.

The district is also recommending some type of change to how grades are structured at a third charter school it considered closing, Chicago Collegiate, which has been on the academic warning list for two years in a row.

Chicago Collegiate, which includes 349 students in fourth to 11th grade, got on the list because of academic performance in lower grades but is meeting standards in higher grades, where it "serves a need in the community," according to CPS. The district is determining exactly how it will propose restructuring the grades, a change that will also require board approval during the annual charter application process later in the school year.

"In recommending a grade structure adjustment rather than a closure, CPS is taking a holistic approach and allowing the school to

focus on the grade offerings where they are helping students succeed," McDade said in the statement.

When CPS issued its SQRP ratings in early November, it noted Chicago Virtual, Chicago Collegiate and Frazier were all eligible for charter revocation and stated the district was evaluating each school's performance record.

The ratings also came with a "charter warning list" identifying four other schools that need to make significant improvements this year to have good standing and keep operating in CPS. That list includes two Chicago International Charter Schools, Ellison and Longwood, along with Urban Prep Englewood and LEARN 7 Elementary.

Despite its past criticisms of charter schools opening, CTU called the potential closings "racist and irresponsible."

"When privatization efforts began in earnest in Chicago two decades ago, charter school champions said charter schools would provide increased support and success for students from the city's most impoverished and neglected communities," reads the CTU statement.

"... The Chicago Teachers Union believes that school closings are racist and irresponsible, especially when schools targeted for closure were once promoted as the future of Chicago Public Schools. This is what happens when 'choice' is forced upon our communities as an alternative to traditional, neighborhood public schools. CPS starves these

schools in the same manner as neighborhood schools, and leverages its racist SQRP school sorting, labeling and punishing model to do so."

State law requires CPS to announce proposed actions for the next school year for district-operated schools — as opposed to charter-operated schools overseen by the district — by Dec. 1. This year, CPS proposed to close one school, Hope High School in Englewood, which now has zero enrollment. The board won't vote on the Hope proposal until after community meetings scheduled in January.

Hope is one of four Englewood high schools struggling with academic achievement and dwindling enrollment being phased out amid the opening this fall of Englewood STEM High School, built on the former side of Robeson High School, which closed in 2018. TEAM Englewood graduated its last senior class and closed last school year and the fourth school, Harper, has 49 remaining students, 24 juniors and 25 seniors, according to 20th-day CPS enrollment data.

By the end of last school year, Hope was down to 20 students, and all transitioned to other high schools before the current school year began, according to CPS.

Each transfer student from Hope comes with \$6,100 in supplemental funding based on their individual needs for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, according to the district.

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A GAME FOR CHANCE

Henderson Elementary School students Maria Maldonado, 8, left, Nevaeh Roman, 9, and Tanyah Williams, 9, play games following the Google and Chance the Rapper (via pre-recorded message) announcement that a video game coded by Chicago Public School students is the official video game for his song "I Love You So Much." It will mark the first time a platinum artist has made a coding game in place of an official music video. Google also announced an additional \$250,000 investment in Chance's nonprofit SocialWorks and CPS computer science initiative. Computer Science Education Week started Monday at South Shore Cultural Center in Chicago.

State Rep. Villanueva files to replace Sandoval in state Senate

BY JAMIE MUNKS

Chicago Democratic state Rep. Celina Villanueva was the lone candidate to file petitions to replace embattled state Sen. Martin Sandoval, who announced last month he would resign from his Southwest Side seat.

Villanueva, who has represented the Southwest Side and suburban 21st House District since July

2018, filed petitions Monday with the State Board of Elections for a spot on the March 17 primary ballot. The deadline to challenge those petitions is 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16.

Sandoval, a Democrat who has served in the state Senate since 2003, submitted a resignation letter that said he would resign effective at 12:01 p.m. Jan. 1.

The Nov. 27 resignation

came two months after federal agents raided Sandoval's Springfield office, seizing electronics and documents in search of information involving lobbyists, a clout-heavy red light camera company and several suburban officials.

He resigned as chairman of the powerful Senate Transportation Committee in October amid a growing chorus of calls within his

caucus for him to step aside. Sandoval did not return to Springfield for the legislature's fall veto session and he has not responded to requests for comment since the September searches.

Democratic ward and township committeemen within the 11th District have 30 days after Sandoval's resignation takes effect to name a replacement to fill the seat.

The general election is Nov. 3. The State Board of Elections will certify those results in early December, and the winner will then be sworn in to serve out the rest of Sandoval's term, which expires in January 2023.

"It is long past time for ethical, principled, progressive leadership to fight for the working families of the 11th District," Villanueva said in a statement

last week announcing she was considering a run for the Senate seat.

Before taking office last year, Villanueva was a civic and youth engagement manager at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. Edgar Gonzalez Jr. has filed petitions to run for Villanueva's 21st House District seat.

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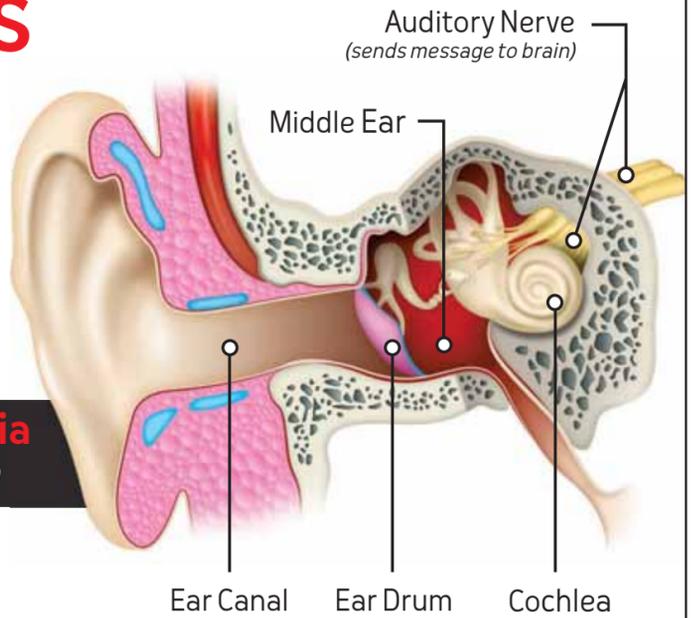
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Sources: Top adviser to Lightfoot resigning

Watchdog probes arrangement that lets her live in Wilmette despite rules

BY JOHN BYRNE
AND GREGORY PRATT

A key adviser to Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot is resigning from the administration as the city's watchdog is investigating the arrangement that has allowed her to collect a paycheck from a publicly funded business organization under Lightfoot's control while doing work as a volunteer in the mayor's office and living in Wilmette, sources told the Tribune.

As first reported by the Tribune, on the day Lightfoot was sworn in as mayor in May, Lisa Schneider-Fabes was hired by World Business Chicago, the public-private nonprofit agency that receives a mix of city tax money and private funding to push for economic development and promote Chicago as a global city.

But the organization then immediately detailed Schneider-Fabes to Lightfoot's office to assist in "working with World Business Chicago and the may-

or's office to advance the city's growth agenda" and "leading the execution of the mayor's 100-day initiative to implement an aggressive policy agenda," according to the mayor's office.

World Business Chicago has declined to say how much it's paying Schneider-Fabes, whose title is vice president of strategic initiatives.

A WBC spokesman said previously that Schneider-Fabes would volunteer in Lightfoot's office for six months, after which the organization would review the arrangement.

When asked last week about the inspector general's office investigation, mayoral spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said that arrangement would continue.

"In her current role, Schneider-Fabes is employed with World Business Chicago and detailed to the Mayor's Office to advance a vision for growth," Huffman said in an email last week.

"The administration will be reviewing and evaluating her direct role in ongoing projects with the Mayor's Office and will review the engagement with WBC," Huffman said.

But on Monday, Huffman said Schneider-Fabes would resign her position in the mayor's office, effective this Friday.

"Consistent with the original plan, Lisa Schneider-Fabes will be ending her planned detail to the Mayor's Office effective Friday, December 13, 2019. The Mayor thanks Lisa for her service to the City and for lending project management expertise that has allowed us to hit the ground running with several successful initiatives accomplished early in the Mayor's term."

A WBC spokesman says Schneider-Fabes is resigning from there effective Friday.

Schneider-Fabes has played an important role in the administration, according to a Tribune review of Lightfoot's official calen-



Schneider-Fabes

dars from May through August.

She regularly attended senior staff meetings and was part of the planning for the mayor's "State of the City" speech where she unveiled Chicago's

\$838 million budget shortfall. Schneider-Fabes also staffed some human resources interviews for the mayor, including for a communications strategy director, according to administration records.

Huffman said Lightfoot had not been contacted by Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office to be interviewed about the arrangement. But Huffman did not respond to questions about whether Ferguson's office reached out to anyone else in the mayor's office to discuss Schneider-Fabes.

A spokesman for World Business Chicago declined to comment Monday when asked whether Ferguson's office had contacted anyone at the organization to discuss the situation.

Shortly after Schneider-Fabes began her role in Lightfoot's City Hall office,

the administration said her status as a volunteer allowed her to avoid the requirement that city employees in most cases must live in Chicago, despite the fact she's getting paid by an organization that will receive \$1.7 million in taxpayer money this year.

At the time, mayoral spokeswoman Anel Ruiz told the Tribune that Ferguson's office "was notified of all mayor's office volunteers pursuant to procedure."

And Huffman last week said the city "contacted OIG on June 5, 2020, to inform them of Schneider-Fabes' volunteer status in the mayor's office."

Ferguson spokeswoman Natalie Kuriata, however, told the Tribune in July that the office did not receive an inquiry from Lightfoot's office about Schneider-Fabes serving as a volunteer.

Ferguson's office did receive an inquiry from Lightfoot's office about someone else who would be volunteering in the office, Kuriata said then, and offered the opinion that anyone using city resources such as an office or staff should be made an employee,

whether they are paid or unpaid.

"Legally/operationally, decisions that impact city policy, managing city employees/resources, allocating city funds — those sorts of responsibilities should be authorized by a city employee, rather than a volunteer," Kuriata said then.

But employees, paid or unpaid, would be subject to city residency rules, Kuriata said, while volunteers are not. Kuriata also noted the inspector general does not need to approve volunteers.

Last week, Kuriata declined to confirm or deny that Ferguson's office is investigating the Schneider-Fabes employment situation.

The day the Tribune published a story in July detailing Schneider-Fabes' employment/volunteer arrangement, Lightfoot told her in an email, which the paper received through an open records request, that the article "was a whole lot of nothing. 10 other things that happen today will push it into oblivion."

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Assault

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Nelson described a hectic, dramatic scene that impacted everyone involved.

"It was traumatizing. It was traumatizing for the patient, it was traumatizing for the advocate," she recalled. "And I do think that it's traumatizing to the officer."

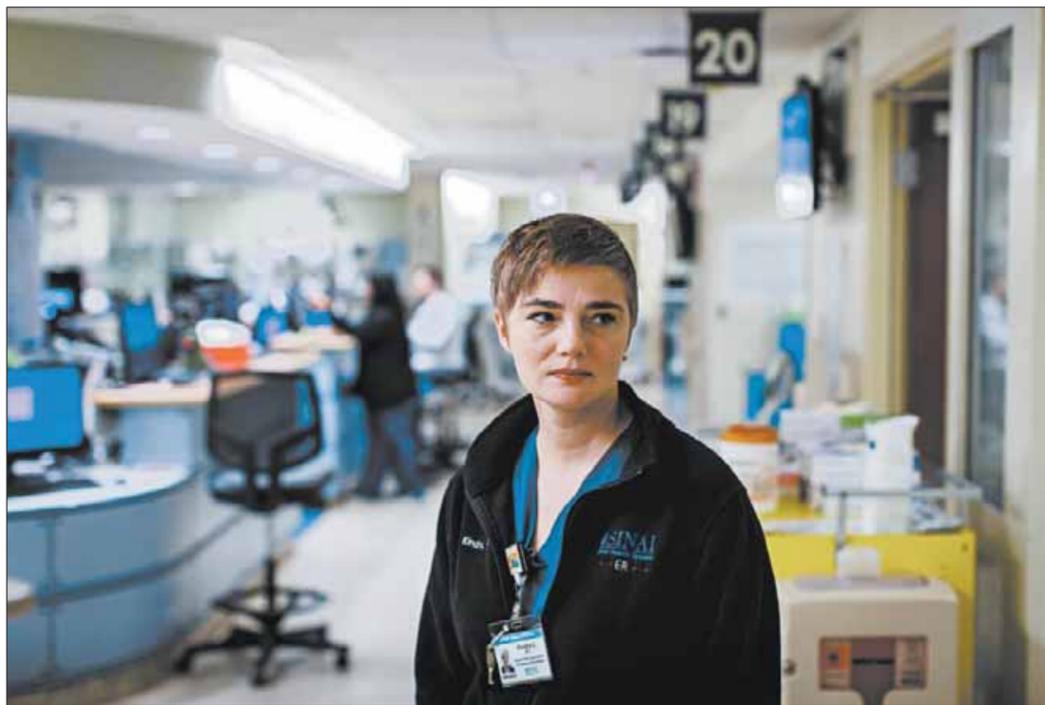
The officer called her supervisor, she said, in hopes of avoiding the arrest, but was told she had no alternative.

When a rape victim arrives in an emergency department, hospitals must notify police. Until the law takes effect in June, survivors should know they have options, including the option to undergo an examination and evidence collection for the rape kit, and decide to give it to police later. In other words, if someone has unpaid parking tickets, they can get treatment, secure evidence and pay those parking tickets the next day, before speaking with police.

Advocates say patients reeling from trauma often do not consider a potential warrant, or know one exists, until the police officer investigating the case makes the arrest.

Nelson said that in an emergency room, during a rape exam, nurses work to return power and control to victims after a violent crime. When an arrest happens, "it takes that power and control away from them again," she said. "It's so humiliating to this patient who has already had the most humiliating thing done to them."

A rape kit examination can take hours and includes intrusive and exhausting probing for evidence, from vaginal swabs to fingernail scrapings, as well as questions about what happened. Treatment of a patient requires such care that hospi-



Kindra Nelson, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner coordinator for Sinai Health System, said an ordeal changed her practice.

tals will soon be required to provide nurses trained specifically to treat victims. Advocates and prosecutors say care within an emergency room is key — if victims do not feel supported or taken seriously, they may abandon efforts to be treated or pursue prosecution.

While pushing for the new legislation, the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault collected accounts of these arrests and gave lawmakers 13 examples throughout state emergency rooms. "Every corner of the state responded that it was happening," said general counsel Sarah Beuning. "It wasn't an isolated thing."

In the ICASA accounts, advocates cited some officers who seemed regretful because they had no choice but to make the arrests, but there were others who tried to hurry nurses, including one who paced back and forth in the triage area

saying there were better things to do than to wait on the other side of the curtain in the room as a rape victim was examined.

Many assault survivors said they wished they had not gone to the hospital. After calling and asking advocates whether they would be at risk, others opted not to seek care at all.

"It has so many layers of trauma, revictimizing the victim at that point, and adding to the trauma they're already experiencing," said Debra Perry, director of advocacy and crisis intervention services at YWCA Metropolitan Chicago.

One of Nelson's patients knew she had a warrant, but did not think she was at risk of arrest while seeking help. That patient was dressed and ready to go home when police arrested her as she was leaving the hospital room. When she became

upset, officers pinned her to the floor and handcuffed her.

"She was screaming and crying," Nelson said. "It changed my practice. I now definitely warn patients that if the cops come because of this crime that was committed to you, that if you have a warrant, you could be apprehended as well."

The second patient had no idea about her warrant. Before Nelson could begin collecting evidence, police handcuffed one of her hands to the hospital bed railing and took her phone. "They took away her ability to have advocacy from a friend that could come," Nelson said. Because she was in custody, police did not allow visitors.

After the arrest, the patient no longer wanted to go through with the rape kit.

Rep. Yehiel Kalish, D-Chicago, who sponsored the legislation, said arrest-

ing a survivor disrupts the process of jailing rapists.

"We want to catch perpetrators of sexual assault," he said. "The sooner (victims) get medical attention, the sooner they administer that rape kit, the better chance we have."

Kalish said the legislation was crafted with input from law enforcement. Under the legislation, officers will request waivers unless a warrant is for a forcible felony, a violent crime or an alleged violation of parole.

The Illinois Health and Hospital Association, which represents hospitals throughout the state, supports the new legislation. Spokesman Danny Chun said it helps sexual assault survivors get treatment "regardless of their circumstances, including having an outstanding warrant."

In the accounts collected by ICASA, survivors who were in emergency rooms for an exam and evidence

collection instead found themselves targeted. Often survivors did not push the evidence forward despite undergoing everything to get it.

In one case report by ICASA, a woman went to an emergency room for a rape exam and medication to prevent exposure to HIV. Instead, police officers found a drug-related warrant and arrested her as she wept. "Once the officers placed her under arrest, she changed her mind about everything," her advocate told ICASA. "She was crying and saying that she should have never come to the hospital."

About a year ago, Perry said, a victim of sexual assault called the YWCA's hotline. The man wanted to go to the hospital for a rape exam, but wanted to know if there was a possibility he could be arrested. He had unpaid parking tickets.

"I had to say, 'Yes, there is a possibility that that could happen to you,'" she said. "It is always really hard, and you just feel awful that you have to tell them that. But you don't want them to end up at a hospital in the state of Illinois where they're going to be arrested, either."

Recently, Perry said, an advocate called for advice. The advocate was in an emergency room with a survivor, who officers insisted they had to jail on a warrant for unpaid parking tickets.

"It's really hard when you have to say, 'I'm sorry, they have to take you into custody, at this point there's nothing you can do,'" she said.

The new law, Perry said, will remove one of the many fears survivors face as they decide whether to seek help.

"We want to make sure anyone who's been sexually assaulted can seek out medical treatment without fear of being arrested," she said.

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Rapper

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cut short," superstar rapper Drake posted on the social media platform.

Higgins rocketed to success last year when he signed a reported \$3 million deal with Interscope after his 2017 EP "Juice Wrld 999" started racking up millions of streams on SoundCloud.

In a Chicago Tribune interview last year, Higgins said the instant fame had not caught up to him yet.

"I haven't really felt like 'Oh my god, what just happened?'" he said. "But I think it's a good thing because when people get caught up, they can get lost — lost in the moment. That can ruin somebody."

According to the law enforcement sources, Higgins "began convulsing (and) going into a seizure" as authorities were going through two carts of lug-

"I would like to see all the younger talent live longer and I hate waking up hearing another story filled with blessings was cut short."

— Superstar rapper Drake

gage about 2 a.m. Sunday at the private hangar at Midway. An agent administered two doses of Narcan, an emergency treatment when opioid overdose is suspected.

Higgins woke up but was incoherent. Paramedics took him to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where he was pronounced dead at 3:14 a.m.

After an autopsy Monday,

the Cook County medical examiner's office said it needed to conduct further testing to determine the cause and manner of death, including toxicology studies of any narcotics in his system.

No drug charges have been filed. Sources said the marijuana and codeine were found in bags that had no name tags. They said the investigation was continuing.

It was not known why federal agents were waiting for the twin-engine Gulfstream jet, owned by a company in Longwood, Florida. Logs show the jet flew from Fort Pierce, Florida, to Van Nuys, California, on Saturday and then on to Midway, arriving there around 1:30 a.m.

Higgins was scheduled to play at the Rolling Loud Festival in Los Angeles this coming Saturday.

Chicago police said they were notified while the jet was still en route to Midway that federal agents sus-

pected it was carrying "weapons and narcotics." Plainclothes tactical and gang crime officers joined the agents at the hangar as the jet landed with 10 passengers — including Higgins and his girlfriend — along with two pilots and a flight attendant, police said.

A drug-sniffing dog made a "positive alert" for bags on two luggage carts, sources said. Searches uncovered the marijuana and codeine.

Henry Dean, who said he was working security, told police he was carrying two 9 mm pistols and a high-capacity magazine. A third gun, a .40-caliber pistol, was found in a camera case containing personal effects belonging to Christopher Long, but he denied the gun was his.

Later, Long was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, a misdemeanor. Dean was also charged with a misdemeanor for carrying a concealed firearm at an airport and possessing a high-capacity magazine

and metal-piercing bullets, police said. Dean had a permit to carry a gun in Illinois, but weapons are banned from airports.

The Cook County state's attorney's office rejected felony charges for the two because of insufficient evidence, according to an office spokeswoman, Tandra Simonton.

Prosecutors could not establish a sufficient chain of custody for the gun that was found in the luggage, Simonton said. The other weapons were being held by their owner, who has a valid firearm owner's identification card and concealed carry license, she said.

Higgins was open about his struggles with drug use, in particular codeine. On Twitter in July he vowed to swear off the substance, telling his girlfriend, "You've put up with more than ppl know I know I'm scaring you ... Codeine I'm done."

"Learn from this everyone," he continued. "Addic-

tion kills all but you can overcome."

In an introspective interview with Vulture last year, the rapper said the more sober lifestyle had not affected his creative process.

"More recently, I've just kind of realized certain things about myself and my coming up, the way that substances played a part in my life, whether it was me doing them or other people," he told the website. "It's something that I'm trying to separate myself from."

Among those responding to Higgins' death was Chicago's own Chance the Rapper.

"Millions of people, not just in Chicago but around the world are hurting because of this and don't know what to make of it," he posted on Instagram. "Love you and God bless your soul."

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Harvey flustered by AT&T's stance on \$700K bill

Mayor says city can't afford charges for defunct lines, wants \$50K monthly payment cut in half

By ZAK KOESKE

The city of Harvey, whose police and fire non-emergency phone lines were briefly cut for inadvertent nonpayment over the summer, is once again caught in a tangled web of telecommunications torment.

Officials said the city has been unable to pay its monthly AT&T bill since October and is being threatened by the company with disconnection if it can't come up with \$50,000 per month to cover its current telecommunications usage and simultaneously chip away at a \$700,000 arrearage that has swelled over an indeterminate number of years.

Mayor Christopher Clark said he learned of the city's massive unpaid telecommunications balance when he received a bill with a disconnection notice some time after taking office in May and has been working with AT&T to sort it out ever since.

Corean Davis, the mayor's chief of staff, said the city was committed to paying AT&T and had been trying to work out a feasible monthly payment arrangement with the company, but found AT&T unwilling to budge on its demands or work with the city to reduce its hefty bill.

AT&T declined to answer specific questions about its payment dispute with Harvey, but provided a statement affirming the company's desire to come to a "fair agreement" with the city over its bill.

"We value our relationship with the City and have worked with them over the last three years to try to find a solution that best meets their needs," the company said in a statement. "We understand how important their work is and while we have been met with consistent challenges in our attempts to resolve this, it is always our goal to provide service to those who want it. We have made every effort to ensure they have the services they need to operate well and remain hopeful we can reach a fair agreement that will help them best serve their community."

Clark said he's had to navigate a number of vendor payment issues since replacing longtime Mayor Eric Kellogg earlier this year. Due

to the lack of a traditional transition process, he said he didn't know anything about the prior administration's communications with or payments to AT&T.

While officials do not dispute the city owes AT&T money, they said they believe the company took advantage of prior administrations by charging for dozens of inoperable telecommunications lines it now says it cannot identify to disconnect.

"I don't know if those phone lines went back to the previous administration, the administration prior to that, or how it worked out," Clark said. "But we have lines that we haven't used for years. We have lines that, for all intents and purposes, AT&T knows are not being used. But we're still paying for it."

The city wants to disconnect the lines it does not need — many of which are so antiquated they aren't even operable — but officials said AT&T representatives say the company can't identify which lines are unnecessary.

"When we went to them initially and said, 'Please tell us what those lines are, where those lines are to, so we don't inadvertently disconnect something or disconnect the emergency services,' they don't have an answer to that," Clark said. "We can't turn off the lines because we don't want to inadvertently turn off emergency services, but at the same time we have to continue paying for something we're not using."

An AT&T spokesman said he could not address nor respond to any of the city's claims about the company's supposed inability to identify and safely disconnect telecommunications lines.

At one point this fall, Harvey officials said, AT&T engineers examined the city's telecommunications system and identified 12 lines they said weren't operable and could safely be disconnected.

When the city cut the lines AT&T had recommended, however, four of them ended up being active radio lines used by the Fire Department, officials said.

As a result, dispatchers were unable to communicate via radio with the Harvey Fire Department for three days until the lines could

be reconnected and had to resort to calling individual firefighters on their cellphones to report emergencies, said Davis, the mayor's chief of staff.

"Hey, are you at work today? Because there's a house burning," said Davis, imitating a hypothetical call between a dispatcher and a Harvey firefighter during this period.

"How do you function a city like that?" Davis said. "You can't."

So far, Davis said, the city has successfully disconnected about 20 circuits, which contain multiple lines, but is far from having eliminated all of the city's non-essential connections and is at a loss to determine which circuits it can safely disconnect without AT&T's help.

"According to AT&T, they just installed the lines. They have no clue where they go," she said. "It's up to us to figure that out."

Davis said the city had identified and disconnected all of the unnecessary individual phone lines through a trial and error process, but that it was far more difficult to determine whether lines and circuits tied to radio communications, alarm systems and other devices could be cut.

"Unless we just unplug it and see who screams, it's no clue," she said.

Clark said it was inconceivable that city officials with no technical background could possibly figure out which circuits to disconnect when the company tasked with installing and maintaining the telecommunications system struggles to understand its intricacies.

"If they can't figure out where the lines go and it's their lines, how are we supposed to know?" he said. "If we disconnect the lines we could end up bringing the city to its knees and not even know that that's what we're doing."

As Harvey attempts to identify and eliminate unnecessary circuits, AT&T continues to bill the city each month for lines that officials said they know aren't being used.

"We expect professionals to tell us these are antiquated lines, let's switch them out to something you can use," said Davis, who holds the company responsible for allowing Harvey's tab to balloon to an unmanageable level.

"As long as we were willing to drive an old jalopy, they were

willing to let us drive it, even though they were charging us new car prices," Clark said. "That's basically what it was."

Davis said in at least one instance she knows of, AT&T had years ago disconnected a line and hooked up another one in its place, but continued charging the city for both lines.

"It was wrapped up on a wall and they were still billing us for it," she said a company engineer told her during an on-site assessment of the city's telecommunications system.

Davis said the city has paid AT&T about \$88,000 since Clark took office in May, but has withheld payment on its most recent bill because the city simply can't afford it.

She said she had hoped that by disconnecting unnecessary circuits the city could eventually get its monthly bill down to a more manageable level, but that thus far there was scant evidence the disconnections were making much of a dent in the bill.

"I feel like we hit a brick wall because you're still asking for monthly payments and we're not significantly moving forward with disconnects to be able to get this bill significantly lower," Davis said. "If they're not proactively helping me find out what these lines go to and saying, 'You can cut this off and that's going to take away \$12,000 on your bill,' then I'm at a brick wall because I don't know, no one here knows, what we can cut off."

She said AT&T had offered to knock \$100,000 off the city's approximately \$700,000 bill, but was unwilling to accept anything less than \$50,000 per month going forward.

The city is looking for AT&T to forgive a far greater portion of the arrearage and agree to a monthly bill of \$25,000 or less, Davis said.

While the situation appears to be at a standstill and Harvey officials fear AT&T may pull the plug on the city's service at any time, Clark said he's hopeful that a resolution is forthcoming.

"Personally, I'm not worried about it," he said. "I believe it's going to work itself out. I'm not putting on blinders ... I just know at the end of the day each party is going to do what each party believes it has to do."

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Lottery gives Foxx top spot on March ballot

By LOLLY BOWEAN

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx will appear first on the March 2020 primary election ballot in the competition for her seat, and attorney Jacob Meister will appear first in the race for Circuit Court clerk, officials determined Monday.

Well-known former Chicago Ald. Bob Fioretti will appear last on the ballot in the state's attorney race, officials revealed after finishing the lottery that determines how candidates will be listed on the ballot for the upcoming election.

The ballot lottery was held Monday morning and conducted by Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough and her deputy clerk, Edmund Michalowski. There were nine drawings, six for the first ballot spots and three for the last spots.

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The ballot lottery came just a week after dozens of political hopefuls either showed up early on the first day of filing or waited until the last hour on the last day because they wanted to compete for what they see as the best positions on the ballot.

Being listed first or last can make it easier for voters to locate the candidates, many candidates have said.

About 135 people filed paperwork to run for office in March.

Foxx is facing competition in her bid for reelection. Candidates are also pushing to become Circuit Court clerk, since the long-term incumbent, Dorothy Brown, is retiring.

Dozens of others are competing to become ward committeemen, sit on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago or serve on the Cook County Board of Review, 1st District.

A video of the ballot lottery is available for viewing on the clerk's YouTube page.

The election is March 17.

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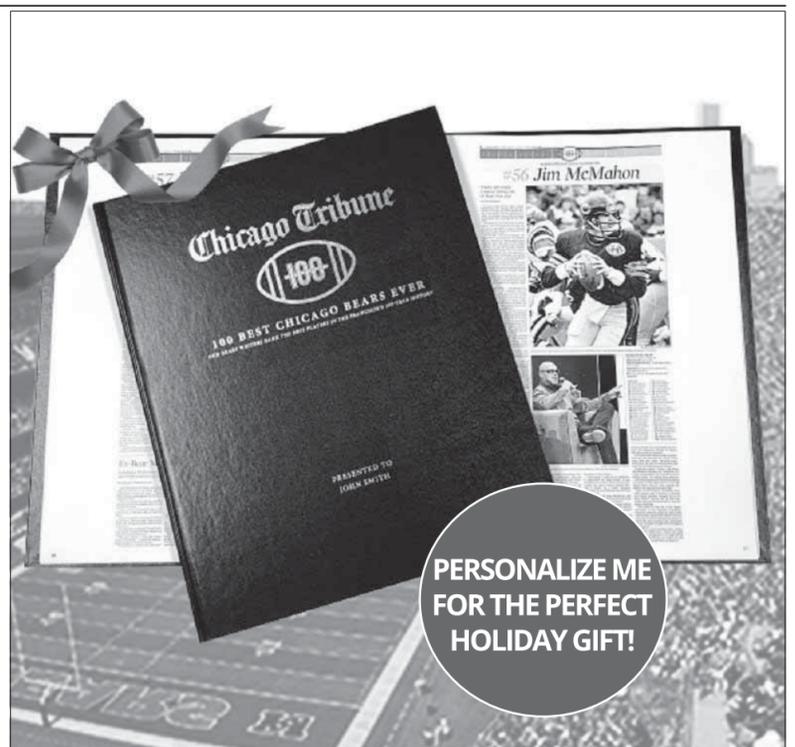
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Afghan war progress questioned

3 administrations misled the public, documents show

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government across three White House administrations misled the public about failures in the Afghanistan war, often suggesting success where it didn't exist, according to thousands of pages of documents obtained by The Washington Post.

The documents reveal deep frustrations about America's conduct of the Afghanistan war, including the ever-changing U.S. strategy, the struggles to develop an effective Afghan fighting force and persistent failures to defeat the Taliban and combat a thriving opium trade and corruption throughout the government.

"We were devoid of a fundamental understanding of Afghanistan — we didn't know what we were doing," Douglas Lute, a three-star Army general who served as the White House's Afghan war czar during the Bush and Obama administrations, told government interviewers in 2015.

"If the American people knew the magnitude of this dysfunction ... 2,400 lives lost," Lute added, blaming the deaths of U.S. military personnel on bureaucratic breakdowns among Congress, the Pentagon and the State Department. "Who will say this was in vain?"

Since 2001, more than 775,000 U.S. troops have deployed to Afghanistan, many repeatedly. Of those, 2,300 died there and 20,589



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Since 2001, more than 775,000 U.S. troops have deployed to Afghanistan, many repeatedly.

were wounded in action, according to Defense Department figures.

The interviews were conducted as part of a "Lessons Learned" project by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction over the past several years. SIGAR has produced seven reports so far from the more than 400 interviews, and several more are in the works. The Post sought and received raw interview data through the Freedom of Information Act and lawsuits.

The documents contradict a long chorus of public statements from U.S. presidents, military commanders and diplomats who assured Americans year after year that they were making

progress in Afghanistan and the war was worth fighting.

Several of those interviews described explicit and sustained efforts by the U.S. government to deliberately mislead the public. They said it was common at military headquarters in Kabul — and at the White House — to distort statistics to make it appear the United States was winning the war when that was not the case.

"Every data point was altered to present the best picture possible," Bob Crowley, an Army colonel who served as a counterintelligence adviser to U.S. military commanders in 2013 and 2014, told government interviewers, according to the Post. "Surveys, for

instance, were totally unreliable but reinforces that everything we were doing was right and we became a self-licking ice cream cone."

Since 2001, the Defense Department, State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development have spent or appropriated between \$934 billion and \$978 billion, according to an inflation-adjusted estimate calculated by Neta Crawford, a political science professor and co-director of the Costs of War Project at Brown University, the Post reported.

Those figures do not include money spent by other agencies such as the CIA and the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for medical care

for wounded veterans.

"What did we get for this \$1 trillion effort? Was it worth \$1 trillion?" Jeffrey Eggers, a retired Navy SEAL and White House staffer for Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, told government interviewers. He added, "After the killing of Osama bin Laden, I said that Osama was probably laughing in his watery grave considering how much we have spent on Afghanistan."

SIGAR has frequently been vocal about the war's failures in reports going back more than a decade, including extensive questions about vast waste in the nearly \$1 trillion spent on the conflict.

The Post said John Sopko, head of SIGAR, ac-

knowledged that the documents show "the American people have constantly been lied to."

SIGAR was created by Congress in 2008 to conduct audits and investigations into waste of government spending on the war in Afghanistan.

The Post said the interviews contain few revelations about military operations in the war, but running throughout are torrents of criticism that refute the official narrative of the war, from its earliest days through the start of the Trump administration.

At the outset, for instance, the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan had a clear, stated objective — to retaliate against al-Qaida and prevent a repeat of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Yet the interviews show that as the war dragged on, the goals and mission kept changing and a lack of faith in the U.S. strategy took root inside the Pentagon, the White House and the State Department.

Fundamental disagreements went unresolved. Some U.S. officials wanted to use the war to turn Afghanistan into a democracy. Others wanted to transform Afghan culture and elevate women's rights. Still others wanted to reshape the regional balance of power among Pakistan, India, Iran and Russia.

"With the AfPak strategy there was a present under the Christmas tree for everyone," an unidentified U.S. official told government interviewers in 2015, according to the Post. "By the time you were finished you had so many priorities and aspirations it was like no strategy at all."

Troops that defied Maduro manage to flee Venezuela

National Guardsmen had spent 7 months in Panama Embassy

By JOSHUA GOODMAN
Associated Press

MIAMI — For seven nerve-racking months, they slept through the day in cramped quarters on cold floors, while spending their nights in prayer, keeping fit with dumbbells made from water jugs and peering through the diplomatic compound's curtains for fear of surveillance.

But on Monday, 16 National Guardsmen who shocked Venezuela and the world alike by revolting against President Nicolas Maduro were safely out of the country, having successfully fled the Panamanian Embassy in Caracas that had been their makeshift home since April.

The AP spoke to the group's leaders, who provided the first detailed account of what led them to plot with Maduro's opponents in an uprising that laid bare fraying support for the socialist leader within the armed forces.

Due to security concerns, lieutenant colonels Illich Sanchez and Rafael Soto wouldn't reveal when they

left Venezuela. They only said they journeyed in groups as part of a clandestine "military operation" that counted with the support of dozens of low-ranking troops and their commanders.

"We left Venezuela but our fight to restore Venezuela's democracy will continue," said Sanchez in a phone interview from an undisclosed location.

The previously untold story of how Sanchez and Soto managed to dupe their superiors and plot a revolt against Maduro underscores how discontent — and fear — is running high inside Venezuela's barracks even as the embattled leader clings to power.

Sanchez, 41, commanded a garrison of about 500 guardsmen responsible for protecting downtown government buildings including the presidential palace and supreme court. Soto, 43, for a time was assigned to the feared SEBIN intelligence policy, leading a team of about 150 agents charged with spying on government opponents.

In their telling, the two longtime friends grew disillusioned watching the devastation of Venezuela's economy and started secretly plotting to remove

Maduro. Eventually they teamed up with Maduro's opponents led by National Assembly President Juan Guaidó, who is recognized as Venezuela's rightful leader by the U.S. and about 60 countries.

On April 30, they stunned Venezuelans by appearing before dawn with tanks and heavily armed troops on a bridge in eastern Caracas alongside Guaidó and activist Leopoldo Lopez.

"When I gathered my troops at 2 a.m. and told them we were going to liberate Venezuela they broke down in tears," said Sanchez, who as part of his official duties providing security to congress had to speak with opposition lawmakers on a regular basis. "Nobody saw it coming, but they were all immediately committed."

Adds Soto: "Everything was perfectly lined up for a peaceful transition."

But they say they were defrauded by Maduro aides, including Supreme Court President Maikel Moreno and Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino, who they claim never fulfilled a promise made to the opposition to abandon their support of Maduro. Both Moreno and Padrino have repeatedly reasserted their loyalty to



AP

Venezuelan guardsmen play dominoes Nov. 8 inside Panama's Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela. The 16 Venezuelan soldiers had made the embassy their makeshift home since April.

Maduro.

In the confusing aftermath of the failed rebellion, they scurried for protection on the back of motorcycles, stripping off their olive green fatigues and knocking, unsuccessfully at first, on several embassy doors.

Amid the chaos, Lopez phoned then Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela, who embraced their cause and arranged their safe entry into the embassy.

He recalled how two months before the U.S. invasion of Panama, in 1989, then-dictator Gen. Manuel Noriega crushed a similar revolt and then ordered the

execution of more than 10 ringleaders.

"We couldn't leave them alone," Varela said. "The SEBIN was 10 feet from the door. They were going to kill them all."

The embassy, in an upscale high-rise occupied by state-run companies and well-connected government contractors, would become their makeshift home for the next seven months.

While confined, the 16 guardsmen worked hard to maintain their military discipline. To keep out of their host's way, they adopted an inverted sleep schedule,

dozing during the day on thin mattresses strewn across the floor of a small room. Then at night, after the diplomats went home, they'd come alive to cook together on a small stove top, keep fit and read religious texts in a prayer circle.

Now, in exile, their plans are uncertain but finally they will be reunited with their families, who were granted asylum in Panama after fleeing themselves when the uprising failed.

"We left Venezuela," said Sanchez from an undisclosed location, "but our fight to restore Venezuela's democracy will continue."

Up to 13 feared dead in volcanic eruption off New Zealand coast

By MARK BAKER
AND NICK PERRY
Associated Press

WHAKATANE, New Zealand — A volcano off the New Zealand coast erupted Monday with a towering blast of ash and scalding steam as dozens of tourists were exploring its moonlike surface, killing five people and leaving eight others missing and feared dead, authorities said.

Helicopter crews landed on White Island despite the danger and helped evacuate

the dozens of survivors, some of them critically injured.

Hours after the disaster, authorities said the site was still too dangerous for rescuers to search for the missing. But aircraft flew over the island repeatedly, and "no signs of life have been seen at any point," Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said.

The missing and injured included New Zealanders and tourists from the U.S., China, Australia, Britain and Malaysia, the prime



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Smoke and ash rise from White Island early Monday.

minister said. Some of those who were exploring the volcano were passengers from the Royal Caribbean cruise ship Ovation of the

Seas, docked on neighboring North Island.

"My god," Michael Schade tweeted as he posted video of the erup-

tion. "My family and I had gotten off it 20 minutes before, were waiting at our boat about to leave when we saw it. Boat ride home tending to people our boat rescued was indescribable."

His video showed a wall of ash and steam around White Island and a helicopter heavily damaged and covered in ash. He said one woman was badly injured but seemed "strong" by the end.

The terrifying disaster immediately raised questions of why people were

allowed to visit the island about 30 miles off mainland New Zealand after scientists had noted an uptick in volcanic activity in recent weeks. White Island is the tip of an undersea volcano.

Authorities said 47 people were on the island at the time. Some were walking along the rim of the crater just before the eruption. In addition to the dead and missing, 31 survivors were hospitalized and three others were released, officials said. Some of the victims were severely burned.

In 1st talks, Putin, Zelenskiy focus on ending Ukraine war

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV AND YURAS KARMANAU
Associated Press

PARIS — President Vladimir Putin of Russia met with President Volodymyr Zelenskiy of Ukraine for the first time Monday at a summit in Paris to try to end five years of war between Ukrainian troops and Moscow-backed separatists.

Both sat down at the French presidential palace along with the leaders of France and Germany for talks focused on reviving a 2015 peace agreement for eastern Ukraine that has largely stalled. Since 2014, the war has killed 14,000 people, emboldened the Kremlin and reshaped European geopolitics.

A major breakthrough is unlikely, and Ukrainian protesters in Kyiv are heaping pressure on their new

leader not to surrender too much to Putin, who has been in office nearly 20 years.

But the fact that Putin and Zelenskiy met at all was a significant step after years of war. Putin and Zelenskiy faced each other across the table, flanked by French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Putin and Zelenskiy held a separate meeting later. On his way to their dinner, Putin said he was satisfied with the meeting, adding: "It was good, I'm glad."

Whatever happens, the summit is the biggest test yet for Zelenskiy, a comic actor and political novice who won the presidency this year in a landslide — partly on promises to end the war.

The 2015 peace agreement helped to reduce the intensity of the fighting, but

Ukrainian soldiers and Russia-backed separatists have continued to exchange fire across World War I-style trenches along a front line that slices through eastern Ukraine.

While Zelenskiy still enjoys broad public support, he has been embarrassed by the scandal around his discussions with President Donald Trump that have unleashed an impeachment inquiry in Washington. The U.S. is an important military backer for Ukraine, which is outgunned by Russia.

With U.S. influence waning around the world, many in Kyiv see one clear winner: Russia.

Some Ukrainians fear Zelenskiy will be outmaneuvered by Putin. Several thousand protesters rallied in the Ukrainian capital Sunday to urge Zelenskiy not to make any concessions to Russia, and 100 opposi-



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French leader Emmanuel Macron, second from left, hosts Russia's Vladimir Putin, left, Germany's Angela Merkel and Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskiy at a summit in Paris.

tion activists set up a tent camp outside his office with banners reading "No to capitulation!"

Russia wants to use the summit to increase pressure on Zelenskiy to fulfill the 2015 Minsk peace accord, which promises wide autonomy to Ukraine's rebel-held regions.

Zelenskiy wants to tweak the timeline laid out in the Minsk accord, which calls for Ukraine to be able to regain control of its border with Russia only after local elections are held in the separatist regions and the regions receive autonomous status. Zelenskiy says Ukraine must get control of

its border first before local elections are held, but the Kremlin insists that's not an option.

French officials say potential changes to the timeline will be discussed but stressed the summit is aimed at fulfilling the Minsk accord, not writing a new deal.



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House Judiciary Chairman Jerry Nadler, left, D-N.Y., speaks with Ranking Member Doug Collins, R-Ga., at the hearing.

Hearing

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officials familiar with the matter.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., met with Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., and other committee chairmen Monday night after a nine-hour hearing in which a Democratic counsel laid out the party's case against Trump.

The three officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the private talks, cautioned that the plan had not been finalized.

Leaving a meeting with Pelosi, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., told reporters that he and the chairmen of other House committees would announce specific articles at a news conference at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

The day that began with a protester accusing the panel's chairman of treason grew only more rancorous from there. Republicans repeatedly tried to grind down the proceeding with objections, forcing Nadler to wield his gavel to silence members arguing over one another.

"You need to call balls and strikes the right way," Rep. Doug Collins, the top Republican on the committee, told Nadler, accusing him of steamrolling opposition. When Nadler continued whacking the gavel, Collins mocked him, saying

"bang it harder."

"President Trump's persistent and continuing effort to coerce a foreign country to help him cheat to win an election is a clear and present danger to our free and fair elections and to our national security," said Dan Goldman, the director of investigations at the House Intelligence Committee.

Republicans rejected not only Goldman's conclusion as he presented the Intelligence Committee's 300-page report on the Ukraine matter, but his very appearance before the Judiciary panel. In a series of heated exchanges, they said Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the Intelligence Committee, should appear rather than send his lawyer.

"Where's Adam?" thundered Collins of Georgia. "We want Schiff," echoed Trump ally Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla.

Republican counsel Stephen Castor argued that Democrats have searched since the inauguration for a reason to impeach Trump.

"Democrats went searching for a set of facts on which to impeach the president," Castor said. They settled on the Ukraine call, he said, referring to the July 25 conversation in which Trump pressed Zelenskiy to open the investigations.

"To impeach a president who 63 million people voted for over eight lines in a call transcript is baloney," Castor said, adding that Trump did not act with

"malicious intent."

At times the counsels appeared to be examining different evidence. Barry Berke, a Democratic lawyer, asked Castor to confirm that Trump wanted Ukraine to probe Biden, the former vice president who is a potential opponent in next year's election.

"I don't think the record supports that," Castor said. Berke was incredulous, pointing out the request was reflected in the White House memo summarizing the July 25 call between Trump and Zelenskiy. Castor was unmoved, saying, "I think it's ambiguous."

Berke turned to Goldman, the Democratic lawyer testifying alongside Castor.

"I don't think there's any other way to read the words on the page than to conclude that," Goldman said.

From the White House, Trump tweeted repeatedly, assailing the "Witch Hunt!"

The hearing set off a pivotal week as Democrats march toward a full House vote expected by Christmas.

In drafting the articles of impeachment, Speaker Nancy Pelosi is facing a legal and political challenge of balancing the views of her majority while hitting the Constitution's bar of "treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors."

Pelosi met with her leadership team behind closed doors Monday evening. A crucial decision will be

whether to include an obstruction charge from special counsel Robert Mueller's findings as some liberals want or keep the impeachment articles focused on Ukraine as centrist Democrats prefer.

Nadler was blunt as he opened the hearing, saying, "President Trump put himself before country."

Nadler said the case against Trump is clear after "multiple officials testified that the president's demand for an investigation into his rivals was a part of his personal, political agenda, and not related to the foreign policy objectives of the United States."

"The integrity of our next election is at stake."

Collins said Democrats are racing to jam impeachment through on a "clock and a calendar" ahead of the 2020 presidential election.

"They can't get over the fact that Donald Trump is the president of the United States, and they don't have a candidate that can beat him," Collins said.

Republicans also revived criticism of Schiff's decision to expose phone records of members of Congress.

The inquiry showed that Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, was in frequent contact with California Rep. Devin Nunes, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee.

Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post contributed.

FBI

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cations for a warrant from the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to monitor the communications of former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page and subsequent warrant renewals, although it also found the bureau was justified in eavesdropping on Page. The errors, the watchdog said, resulted in "applications that made it appear that the information supporting probable cause was stronger than was actually the case."

Some of that information came from Steele. The watchdog found that the FBI had overstated the significance of Steele's past work as an informant, omitted information about one of his sources whom Steele had called a "boaster" and who Steele said "may engage in some embellishment."

Republicans have long criticized the process since the FBI relied in part on opposition research from Steele, whose work was financed by Democrats and Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and that fact was not disclosed to the judges who approved the FISA warrant.

The report's release brought fresh attention to the legal and political investigations that have entangled the White House from the moment Trump took office.

Political divisions were evident in responses to the report.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said it makes clear that the basis for the FBI's investigation was "valid and without political bias."

Trump, in remarks at the White House, claimed it showed "an attempted overthrow and a lot of people were in on it."

Trump has repeatedly

said he is more eager for the report of John Durham, the prosecutor selected by Attorney General William Barr to conduct a separate review of the Russia probe.

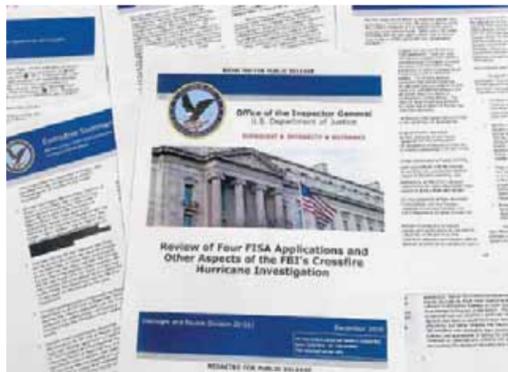
Barr and Durham both rejected the inspector general's conclusion that there was sufficient evidence to open the FBI investigation.

"The Inspector General's report now makes clear that the FBI launched an intrusive investigation of a U.S. presidential campaign on the thinnest of suspicions that, in my view, were insufficient to justify the steps taken," Barr said in a statement.

Durham said he had informed the inspector general that he also didn't agree with the conclusion that the inquiry was properly opened and suggested his own investigation would back up his disagreement.

In an interview with The Associated Press, FBI Director Chris Wray noted the report's conclusion that political bias did not taint the opening of the investigation or the steps that followed. But Wray said the inspector general found problems that are "unacceptable and unrepresentative of who we are as an institution." The FBI is implementing more than 40 corrective actions, he said.

The FBI's Russia investigation, which was ultimately taken over by special counsel Robert Mueller, began in July 2016 after the FBI learned that a former Trump campaign aide, George Papadopoulos, had been saying before it was publicly known that Russia had dirt on Democratic opponent Clinton in the form of stolen emails. Those emails, which were hacked from Democratic email accounts by Russian intelligence operatives, were released by WikiLeaks in the weeks before the election in what U.S. officials have said was an effort to harm Clinton's campaign and help Trump.



JON ELSWICK/AP

The report on the origins of the Russia probe found no evidence of political bias despite "performance failures."

US Supreme Court refuses to review Kentucky's ultrasound law

BY MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday left in place a Kentucky law requiring doctors to perform ultrasounds and show fetal images to patients before abortions.

The justices did not comment in refusing to review an appeals court ruling that upheld the law. Enforcement of the law had been on hold pending the legal challenge but will begin shortly, said Steve Pitt, general

counsel to Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin.

The American Civil Liberties Union had challenged the law on behalf of Kentucky's lone remaining abortion clinic. The ACLU argued that "display and describe" ultrasound laws violate physicians' speech rights under the First Amendment.

The federal appeals court in Cincinnati upheld the Kentucky law, but its sister court in Richmond, Virginia, struck down a similar measure in North Carolina.

The Supreme Court had previously upheld "informed consent" laws for women seeking abortions. The court will hear an abortion case in March, over Louisiana's attempt to require doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at local hospitals.

Doctors' speech also has been an issue in non-abortion cases. The federal appeals court in Atlanta struck down parts of a 2011 Florida law that sought to prohibit doctors from talking about

gun safety with their patients.

In Kentucky, doctors must describe the ultrasound in detail while the pregnant woman listens to the fetal heartbeat. Women can avert their eyes and cover their ears to avoid hearing the description or the fetal heartbeat. Doctors failing to comply face fines and can be referred to the state's medical licensing board.

The ACLU called the law unconstitutional and unethical.

ACLU lawyer Alexa Kolbi-Molinas said that the Supreme Court "has rubber-stamped extreme political interference in the doctor-patient relationship."

Pitt painted a different picture of the law.

"It's a five-minute procedure that takes place before the abortion is performed to give women who might have a lack of understanding of what's actually in the womb, that this is a real living human being there, they might change their mind," he said.

The high court's decision not to review the ultrasound case came on Bevin's final day in office. Bevin, a Republican, is an outspoken abortion opponent. During his term, he signed a series of measures passed by the GOP-led legislature that put limits and conditions on abortion, including the 2017 ultrasound law. Those laws have triggered several challenges.

Bevin was defeated in last month's election by Democratic Attorney General Andy Beshear.



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British Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks during a question-and-answer session at a campaign event Monday in Washington, England. Britain goes to the polls Thursday.

Boy lying on hospital floor dominates Britain's campaign

BY MIKE CORDER AND JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — A 4-year-old boy in a Spider-Man top lying on a hospital floor took center stage Monday in Britain's election campaign, as the opposition painted his plight as a symptom of the country's ailing health system and branded Prime Minister Boris Johnson heartless for avoiding looking at his photo.

The story of 4-year-old Jack, splashed across the front page of the left-leaning Daily Mirror newspaper, overshadowed campaigning for Thursday's general vote as Johnson and his Conservatives hunted for crucial votes in traditional Labour Party strongholds.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, meanwhile, toured southwest and central England, where his left-of-center party is trying to cling on to key constituencies.

All 650 seats in the House of Commons are up for grabs in this election, which is also expected to break Britain's political impasse over Brexit and determine its future relationship with the European

Union.

Jack's mother, Sarah Williment, told the Mirror she covered him with coats to keep him warm as he awaited assessment at Leeds General Infirmary last week. Rushed to the hospital amid fears he had pneumonia, Jack was eventually diagnosed with flu and tonsillitis and sent home.

Williment told the newspaper she usually votes Conservative, but will be voting Labour for the first time this week.

Both Labour and Johnson's Conservatives are pledging to pour funds into Britain's state-funded National Health Service after years of only modest increases under Conservative governments. Corbyn accuses Johnson of planning to put Britain's cherished health service "up for sale" in post-Brexit trade negotiations with the United States — a charge that Johnson strongly denies.

It was Johnson's clumsy reaction to the story that turned it viral. A video of the prime minister briefly declining to look at a photo of Jack had been viewed more than a million times by midafternoon Monday.

In the clip of the inter-

view, ITV reporter Joe Pike said to Johnson: "You refuse to look at the photo. You've taken my phone and put it in your pocket, prime minister."

Johnson then took the phone out of his pocket, looked at the photo on the screen and said: "It's a terrible, terrible photo. And I apologize obviously to the families and all those who have terrible experiences in the NHS."

He subsequently returned the phone and apologized for taking it.

The Conservatives had a minority government before Thursday's election. Johnson pushed for the vote, which is taking place more than two years early, in hopes of winning a majority of seats in the House of Commons and breaking Britain's political impasse over Brexit. He says if the Conservatives win a majority, he will get Parliament to ratify his Brexit divorce deal and take the U.K. out of the EU by Jan. 31.

Labour is promising to renegotiate the divorce deal, then give voters the choice in a referendum of leaving the EU on those terms or remaining in the bloc.

PAUL VOLCKER 1927-2019

Former Fed chairman tamed 1980s inflation with recession

BY PAUL WISEMAN AND CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

Paul Volcker, 92, who as Federal Reserve chairman in the early 1980s elevated interest rates to historic highs and triggered a recession as the price of quashing double-digit inflation, has died, according to his office.

Volcker took charge of the Fed in August 1979, when the U.S. economy was in the grip of runaway inflation. Consumer prices skyrocketed 13% in 1979 and then by the same pace again in 1980.

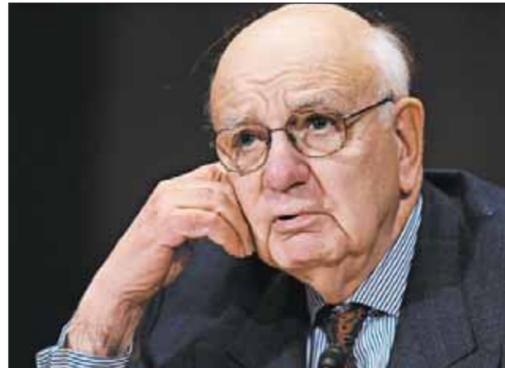
Working relentlessly to bring prices under control, Volcker raised the Fed's benchmark interest rate from 11% to a record 20% by late 1980 to try to slow the economy's growth and thereby shrink inflation.

Those high interest rates made it so expensive for people and companies to borrow that the economy weakened steadily. By January 1980, a recession had begun. It lasted six months. A deeper and more painful downturn took hold in July 1981. It endured for 18 months and sent unemployment up to 10.8% in November and December 1982, the highest level since the Great Depression.

In a statement Monday, former President Jimmy Carter, who had chosen Volcker to be Fed chairman, called him a "giant of public service."

"Although some of his policies as Fed chairman were politically costly, they were the right thing to do," Carter said.

In the early 1980s, Volcker was vilified by the public for having triggered a severe recession in order to curb runaway price increases. Homebuilders put postage stamps on bricks and on 2-by-4 wooden planks and mailed them to the Fed to protest how



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Paul Volcker, who died Sunday, raised the Fed's benchmark interest rate from 11% to a record 20% in late 1980.

super-high interest rates had wrecked their businesses.

Auto dealers, stuck with lots full of unsold cars, did the same with car keys. Angry farmers, struggling with high debts, drove their tractors to Washington and blockaded the Fed's headquarters.

David Jones, an economist and author of several books on the Fed, ranks Volcker above all other chairmen since World War II. "Volcker was transformative in terms of Fed policy," Jones said. "We are still enjoying the benefits of his success."

By sticking with his policies in the face of ferocious opposition, Volcker implicitly asserted the Fed's independence from political and public interference.

Throughout its history, the Fed has been seen as needing to operate independently in order to properly carry out its key functions of maximizing employment and stabilizing prices. In the past three years, President Donald Trump has challenged that independence with his frequent attacks on the Fed and his demands that it cut rates more aggressively.

The pain of the recession Volcker helped cause eventually produced the desired

results: Inflation receded. Once it did, Volcker's Fed began lowering interest rates. And the economy rebounded vigorously enough for President Ronald Reagan to declare the arrival of "Morning in America" on his way to a landslide victory in the 1984 presidential election. Volcker left the Fed in 1987, succeeded by Alan Greenspan.

The Volcker-led victory over inflation is widely credited with beginning what economists call the "Great Moderation" — more than two decades of mostly steady economic growth, relatively low unemployment and modest price increases. The Great Moderation ended with the Great Recession of 2007-2009.

After the financial crisis of 2008, President Barack Obama recruited Volcker as an economic adviser. In that role, Volcker pressed for restrictions on banks' ability to trade in financial markets with their own money, rather than their clients', and to invest in private equity and hedge funds.

The regulations, known as the "Volcker Rule," were included in a far-reaching financial overhaul bill Congress passed in 2010.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Ex-White House doctor running for Congress in Texas

WASHINGTON — Ronny Jackson, the former Navy officer and White House physician once considered to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs, filed Monday to run for a congressional seat in Texas, according to the state's GOP.

Jackson, a rear admiral, was serving as President Donald Trump's physician in April 2018 when he was nominated to lead the agency.

But he withdrew from

consideration after Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., the top Democrat on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, released a two-page summary accusing Jackson of improperly dispensing medication to staff members, drinking on the job and contributing to a hostile work environment.

Jackson denied these assertions, and Trump later called the allegations "false accusations against a great man."

Want to cover Miss America? Buy ticket, 3 media outlets told

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The Miss America Organization has denied credentials to at least three media outlets seeking to cover this year's competition, including its longtime hometown newspaper, The Press of Atlantic City.

Others who received denials in recent days include The Washington Post and Bravura, a lifestyle magazine.

No reasons were given

for the denials, which were communicated by email to the media outlets.

The Press and The Washington Post have covered criticism of the Miss America Organization from some state groups unhappy with how the competition was being run. Changes brought about by new leadership included the elimination of the swimsuit competition. The finale is scheduled for Dec. 19.

Calif. mom charged in college bribery case will plead guilty

BOSTON — A California woman has agreed to plead guilty after authorities said she paid \$9,000 to have online classes taken on her son's behalf to help him graduate from Georgetown University.

Karen Littlefair, 57, of Newport Beach, California, is the latest person to be charged in a sweeping college admissions scandal that has ensnared dozens of wealthy parents. An

agreement with federal prosecutors announced Monday says Littlefair will plead guilty to a single count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

Littlefair is accused of paying college admissions consultant William "Rick" Singer to have one of his employee's take online classes for her son in 2017 and 2018.

Singer previously pleaded guilty to several federal charges.



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A protester breaks a bus window Monday in Guwahati, India, during a demonstration against the government's Citizenship Amendment Bill. Parliament is debating legislation that would grant citizenship to non-Muslim refugees from neighboring nations.

Envoys: US backs out of UN meeting on rights in N. Korea

UNITED NATIONS — The United States changed its mind and is now refusing to sign a letter that would have authorized the U.N. Security Council to hold a meeting on the human rights situation in North Korea, diplomats said Monday.

Without support from the United States, the European and other countries that wanted the U.N.'s most powerful body to discuss human rights in North Korea can't go ahead Tuesday because they are now one vote short of the minimum nine "yes" votes required, the diplomats said, speak-

ing on condition of anonymity because discussions were private.

North Korea's U.N. ambassador, Kim Song, sent a letter to all 14 council members except the U.S. last Wednesday warning that holding a meeting on its human rights would be "another serious provocation" resulting from America's "hostile policy."

Kim said a meeting would increase tensions on the Korean Peninsula, and the North would "respond strongly to the last."

A U.S. State Department spokesperson, asked about the human rights meeting,

said the U.S. Mission to the United Nations will seek a council discussion this week that would include "a comprehensive update on recent developments on the Korean Peninsula including recent missile launches and the possibility of an escalatory provocation" by North Korea.

The State Department made no mention of human rights.

North Korea has carried out 13 ballistic missile launches since May and Sunday it said it had performed a "very important test" at its long-range rocket launch site.

Army major jailed on federal child porn charge

SAVANNAH, Ga. — An Army officer who held a top-secret security clearance shared nude photos of a teenage girl online and discussed plans to drug the girl and have sex with her, according to federal court records unsealed Monday.

Army Maj. Jason Musgrove was arrested and

charged with distributing child pornography after an FBI agent working undercover to monitor online groups devoted to child pornography and discussions of child sex, exchanged messages with the officer who detailed his plans. The agent traced the photos to a computer in

Musgrove's home in Georgia, said documents filed in U.S. District Court.

Court records said Musgrove is assigned to the Army Cyber Command at Fort Gordon in Augusta, where he works as an integrated threats operations officer with a top-secret security clearance.

Journalist group: Fewer media staff killed this year

BRUSSELS — Deaths among journalists killed in the line of duty are lower this year, but a journalism advocacy group said Monday that one reason appears to be that media workers are refraining from going to the most dangerous areas.

The International Federation of Journalists said that 49 journalists have been killed this year, down from 95 deaths in 2018. The group said that even if journalists are showing more caution, it also means the public is less informed about deadly conflicts and human rights abuses. Another reason for the lower number of deaths is decreased fighting in Iraq and Syria.

Mexico is the most dangerous place for journalists, with 10 on-the-job slayings that account for more than half of Latin America's 18 killings. The Asia Pacific region had 12; and Africa, nine.

In China: People who were at vocational training centers in China's far west Xinjiang have all "graduated" and are living happy lives, an official said Monday. But Uighurs and other predominantly Muslim ethnic minorities from the region say their family members continue to be arbitrarily detained in camps and prisons.

Shohrat Zakir, Xinjiang's Uighur governor, made the remarks during a press briefing as part of a strident propaganda campaign launched following the U.S. Congress' approval last week of the Uighur Human Rights Policy Act that condemns the mass detentions.

Former detainees have said the centers were essentially prisons and they were subject to indoctrination and torture.

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EDITORIALS

After 3,000 sexual assaults on Uber trips in 2018:

Make the ride-share ride safer

Uber racks up more than 3.1 million ride-share rides every day. That's more than a billion rides each year. Certainly a big number, but so is this: 3,045. That's the number of sexual assaults that occurred in Uber vehicles in 2018, according to a first-of-its-kind report released Thursday by the ride-share giant. For 2017, the number was 2,936.

Uber deserves credit for putting out the report it didn't have to issue. In an ad published Friday, Uber said it released its findings "not to find out what's going right, but what's going wrong." Finding solutions won't be easy. Of the 5,981 reports of sexual assault in 2017 and 2018, 515 involved rape or attempted rape. The most common type of sexual assault was nonconsensual touching — 1,560 incidents in 2018.

What's the best prism through which to view these numbers? Uber's right when it says the vast majority of trips, 99.9%, occur without incident. It's also right to say that just one assault on a passenger or a driver — Uber says a share of assaults involve drivers as victims — is one too many.

In an interview with The Washington Post, Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said his company is "a platform that connects people. And we have to keep making the kinds of investments to make sure those connections are constructive and safe." In the same interview, he added, "I think that Uber is at the size now where we are a reflection of society. And sexual assault, sexual misconduct is a societal problem."

But in this context — a business built on putting total strangers in close contact — it's an Uber problem. The Uber business model has at its core the idea of bringing together non-employee drivers and random passengers through software. It's a



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A passenger gets out of a ride-share vehicle, left, as another exits a taxi at the Ogilvie Transportation Center in Chicago.

manifestation of the gig economy. Airbnb, DoorDash, Instacart, even Facebook all thrive on the level of faith that the client or user has in the interaction. In Uber's case, that faith comes from the ride-share titan's ubiquity. More than a billion rides every year, and rarely does something horrible happen.

Uber and other ride-share apps try to reinforce that faith with assurances that they've fine-tuned measures to safeguard both passengers and drivers. Background checks on drivers have been tightened. Uber has introduced "Ridecheck" technol-

ogy that flags whenever an Uber car has made an unexpected stop or has crashed, allowing a passenger to report what has happened to Uber or police. And contacting 911 about an Uber ride emergency is now possible through the app.

But 3,045 sexual assault incidents on Uber trips in 2018 alone suggests that Uber has a lot of work to do, starting with constantly reminding drivers and riders that they're together only to travel, then part peacefully. Uber's safety report marks a good start — knowing the scale of a problem helps, as does being transparent about it. Lyft, Uber's chief rival in the ride-share

race, says it will release its own report, though it hasn't said when. Lyft executives surely don't want their customers wondering if the company is stalling.

Ride-share has been a godsend to Chicago and countless other cities. It's the product of Americans' love affair with smartphones and desire to get from A to B conveniently and economically. But passengers — and drivers — deserve to rely on more than faith alone if they're to feel safe inside a car with a stranger. Until Uber, Lyft and other ride-share apps realize that, the trust that users have in the experience will remain vulnerable to assault.

Fed Chairman Volcker's legacy: High inflation? What's that?

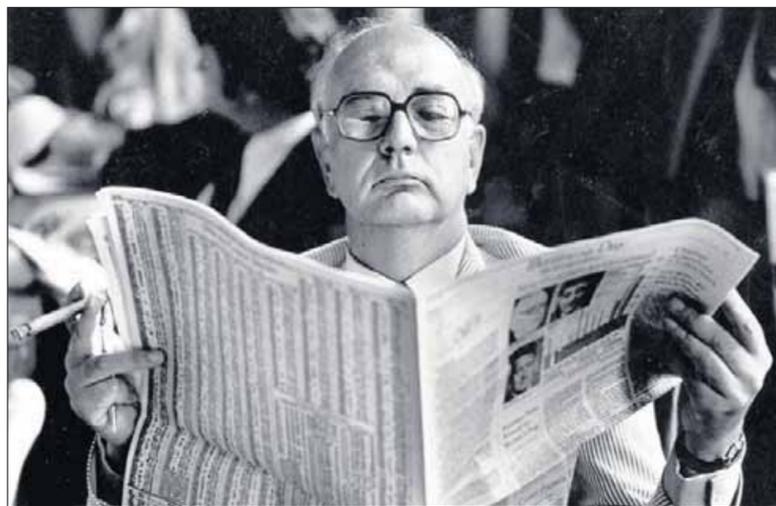
Ever stop to contemplate how different life was before computers and smartphones? How inefficient and complicated those days seemed? Here's another thankfully distant memory: high inflation.

Back in the 1970s that paycheck you earned began to dissolve in your fingers the moment you received it because prices constantly rose. Maybe you got a pay raise, but all it did was keep you from slipping backward. Anyone on a fixed income really suffered. For that reason, high inflation was called *the cruelest tax*.

Americans don't worry about high inflation anymore, which is a wonderful aspect of the current strong economy. If you want a job, you probably can find one (unemployment is at a 50-year low). Wages are rising at about 3% a year — better yet, with inflation at just 1.6%, your buying power and standard of living are improving.

Much of the credit for breaking the U.S. cycle of high inflation goes to Paul Volcker, the former chairman of the Federal Reserve who died Sunday at age 92.

The workings of an economy are complex, but what Volcker did in the early 1980s was fairly straightforward and exceedingly brave: He took on inflation by squeezing hard on economic activity, causing two recessions and scaring the bejesus out of the White House, Congress and business interests, who pressured him to moderate his tactics. Angry auto dealers mailed Volcker sets of car keys. Farmers marched on Washington.



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Then-Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker reads as he waits for a hearing in 1980.

It was a weird time. The inflation rate when Volcker took the Fed chief job in mid-1979 was about 11%. Americans were obsessed with trying, largely in vain, to get ahead of inflation. Employees demanded raises, which employers granted and then raised prices to compensate — and on it went, a psychological game that increased neither productivity nor wealth.

Previous Fed chiefs understood bold action was required, but they lacked the

nerve. Volcker didn't. He was 6-foot-7, smoked cheap cigars and for some reason didn't give a flying Fed. He was appointed by President Jimmy Carter and probably cost Carter reelection. President Ronald Reagan was frustrated with Volcker, too, but in the end could take credit for a stronger economy.

What Volcker did was clamp down hard on the money supply, causing interest rates to spike as investment dollars became

scarce. His daring trick was to let rates rise as high as the market would bear, and oh boy, did rates skyrocket: The prime rate for bank loans peaked at 21.5% in late 1980. Imagine trying to buy a house with mortgage rates through the roof at 18%. One business executive demanded answers from Volcker: "Why are you doing this? Why do interest rates have to be so high? You're killing the housing industry and you're killing the auto industry. Nobody can buy anything on credit." Volcker's answer was he had to get people's attention focused on the dangers of inflation. Volcker was blamed, not incorrectly, for causing thousands of Americans to lose their jobs. In service to the bigger mission, he was OK with wearing that jacket.

Volcker's harsh medicine worked: It broke the fever of inflationary expectations and, better yet, recalibrated the economy to operate more efficiently, with greater productivity, for the long haul. By 1986, inflation was below 2%.

Looking back at that era's Tribune editorials, we can see the Editorial Board's early trepidation turn quickly to support: "The escape route from the pain of inflation to the pleasure of noninflationary growth runs through another valley of pain," we wrote. By 1987 and the end of Volcker's reign, we joined the country in praising "Paul the Lion-Hearted."

Volcker earned that title, and the enduring thanks of Americans who no longer need obsess about high inflation.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Leading Democratic theorists tend to explain their loss of the working class in terms of race, gender, patriarchy and disruption — favorite frames of reference that are necessary to understand our politics but far from sufficient. What these frames fail to capture is the practicality of working people and their hard-earned allergy to egghead notions that cannot be made to work efficiently in the field. ...

Saying that such proposals are visionary or aspirational doesn't cut any ice with this voting bloc, because those folks spend their days on the receiving end of other people's visions, doing the hard work of turning blueprints into actual pipes, roads, buildings and wires.

Asking how these plans are any different from a giant wall paid for by Mexico misses a crucial distinction. Trump never implies that the skepticism of working men and women somehow makes them bad human beings.

Democrats can regain ground with the working class by stressing results over visions and by offering solutions that work instead of pie in the sky. If they try, they'll find an audience of Americans eager to tackle shared problems. It's what they do all day: building, repairing, raising things up.

David Von Drehle, *The Washington Post*



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Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot presides over a City Council meeting last month. The mayor says she feels uncomfortable bartering with aldermen for votes on proposals.

Lightfoot shows how to build trust in a cynical city



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot acknowledged three months into her administration, during an August meeting with the Tribune Editorial Board, that Chicagoans “were cynical by nature.” Trusting her, she understood, would come from actions, not verbal assurances.

Shake me. I’m starting to trust her. In addition to her decisive action firing police Superintendent Eddie Johnson for unethical conduct, there have been other less-publicized examples of how she governs from a place of truth-telling — not from a carefully messaged public relations operation or through the constant calculus of political risk. We know who did that for eight years, don’t we?

Lightfoot doesn’t always say the safe thing. But she usually says the right thing.

During recent negotiations with aldermen over her proposed 2020 city budget, she said she felt uncomfortable bartering for votes. She didn’t want to do what other mayors had done — get support for her budget by promising tax increment financing dollars or special favors or projects in

their wards.

“I don’t like the idea of buying votes, to be blunt,” she said. “TIF proceeds were used to barter on what a mayor wanted from aldermen. I don’t believe that’s a proper or appropriate use of TIF dollars. That ruffled some feathers, and people are not used to that.”

“There are things (aldermen) need ... but we have to do it in the context of integrity and legitimacy in government, comprehensive plans for economic development, and not a series of one-off transactions.”

Those one-offs have contributed to Chicago’s tale of two cities. Just because an alderman plays hardball over a budget vote doesn’t mean his or her ward deserves more spending. Spending should be directed by need, not aldermanic chest-puffing. By setting those negotiation parameters early in her administration, Lightfoot asserted a more equitable, serious tone: Not every vote on the City Council should be viewed as an opportunity for extraction.

“I recognize the back-and-forth is part of the normal rhythm and cadence, but I’m not Monty Hall,” she said, referencing the veteran “Let’s Make a Deal” game show host. “I don’t like making deals in the sense (of) swapping this for votes, and I think that was a normal thing that was done. That’s not my style of governance.”

TIF districts are a favor-rich place for her to set limits. This is a city where TIFs have been used as slush

funds for mayors and aldermen for decades. Remember the golden toilet? I do.

In 2012, members of an anti-TIF coalition marched through Chicago wheeling a gold-painted toilet. They were protesting \$15 million in TIF funding earmarked for CME Group, owner of the Chicago Board of Trade and Chicago Mercantile Exchange, to spend toward restroom and fitness center renovations for its employees. Then-Mayor Richard M. Daley and the City Council agreed to the TIF funding, which essentially would have steered public tax dollars toward a private company’s fancy redecorating.

CME group never tapped the TIF funding, in part because it received a tax break during a special session in Springfield. The state couldn’t afford services for its most vulnerable populations, make adequate pension contributions or pay down unpaid bills. But lawmakers made time for CME Group and approved a relief package for the trading entity, which was threatening to move out of state due to its high tax burden.

And yes, this was the Democrat-led General Assembly that inexplicably continues to corner the market — perception only — of being the voice for the little guy. CME Group was no little guy.

Lightfoot’s administration recently announced the phase-out of four TIF districts. She has expressed her desire to limit the creation of new ones, espe-

cially under the circumstances approved during then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s final council meeting. Emanuel shepherded through the council two TIF deals for wealthy, desirable areas of the city that now are set up to receive more than \$2 billion in public subsidies. The Lincoln Yards and The 78 TIF agreements represented an abominable perversion of TIF use.

“The biggest difference is that Lightfoot wants to take TIF back to its basic, intended purpose: to spur economic activity and investments in those neighborhoods that truly need it most,” said Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, who voted against both projects at Emanuel’s final council meeting. “Rahm did some of that, but he also used TIF to lure new headquarters to downtown areas that clearly aren’t blighted.”

Lightfoot has a long way to go toward enacting budgets and advancing policies that fix Chicago’s seemingly inextricable problems, violent crime and looming pension debt among them. But in a city lorded for decades by elected officials guided by insider deals and weak principles, Lightfoot’s north star is purer. Voters wanted an outsider. This, for now, is what it looks like to have one.

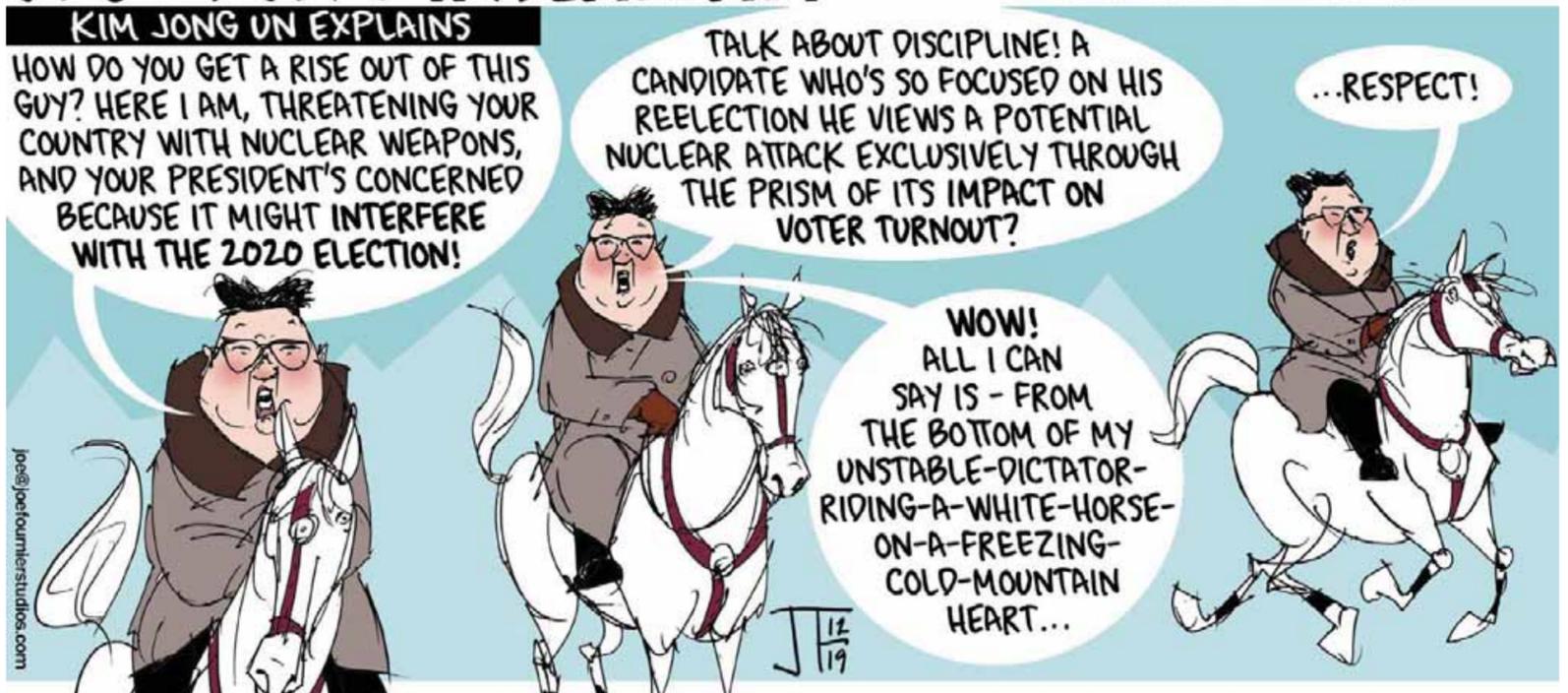
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PERSPECTIVE



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Former White House counsel Don McGahn, shown in 2018, could testify if the Senate conducts an impeachment trial.

If we get to a Senate impeachment trial, who will testify?

BY PATRICK DEADY

Now that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has charged her colleagues with the tasks of drafting and approving articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump — and assuming the House votes to impeach — our focus should shift to a discussion of what the Senate proceedings are going to look like.

If the Senate conducts a trial — an actual search for the truth that involves a serious reckoning by our elected leaders of what the president's proven conduct means to our democracy, and not a mere formality shoehorned into a two-week time slot that does not upset the Senate calendar — the nation will be better served.

Yet, although it is clear that the bulk of the House committees' fact-finding is complete, there has been a steady drumbeat by cautious editorial boards, commentators and even some legal scholars that the House impeachment proceedings should be put on pause.

The concern is that the House should defer to the courts for definitive rulings on the power of Congress to compel administration witnesses to testify and on the scope of executive privilege. With such a ruling, the testimony of former national security adviser John Bolton, acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, former White House counsel Don McGahn and others might be available — and would serve to clarify questions about Trump's July 25 phone conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and whether the president used foreign policy maneuvering for his personal benefit.

So, the argument goes, if Democrats would just wait for the Supreme Court, they might have a stronger, or at least a clearer, case for the president's removal. The flaw in this argument is that neither

the House nor the Senate is confronted with such a binary choice: waiting for the Court to decide or forgoing testimony and evidence from these key, some would argue crucial, witnesses.

The Senate impeachment proceedings are a trial over which the chief justice will preside and make rulings on the evidence presented and witnesses called to testify. Chief Justice John Roberts could rule on the scope of executive privilege with respect to these high-ranking administration officials as well as any diplomats, national security staff or budget office staff barred up until now by the White House from providing evidence. Under the Senate rules, the chief justice's decision would be final, subject only to a vote of the full Senate.

Further review by the courts, even the Supreme Court, would be unnecessary. If some or all of these witnesses are allowed to testify, Republicans would have to weigh the political risk of blocking testimony deemed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court not privileged and relevant to the charged offenses.

At the same time, a pretrial ruling rejecting the White House's broad assertions of executive privilege could present problems for both sides. Calling witnesses not previously deposed runs afoul of the experienced trial lawyer's prime directive, "never ask a question you don't already know the answer to." But, if the procedures used in the impeachment of President Bill Clinton are followed, both sides could identify witnesses they intend to call at trial. Those witnesses would then be deposed by the House managers and president's counsel before the Senate trial begins.

Here, the potential reward for Democrats to identify and call certain witnesses not yet deposed might outweigh the risks. If, for example, the House approves an article making Trump's obstruction of the Mueller investigation one of the grounds

for Trump's removal, McGahn would become a key witness. Since McGahn was interviewed extensively by the FBI during the Mueller probe, he could be examined with the aid of his prior statements with little risk. Others, such as the officials in the budget office who were directed to withhold the military aid, could be safely examined with whatever written documents exist to confirm the prior testimony of Ambassador Gordon Sondland and other State Department and National Security Council officials who were all convinced from the facts and circumstances known to them that release of those funds was being controlled by the president.

Calling other high-ranking administration witnesses might be more problematic. Some, like Bolton, may be sufficiently restricted by the narrative already developed through other House testimony. Democrats might risk calling him if they want to present the strongest case for removal. The chief justice might find that with respect to Bolton or others at his level, that the president could still assert executive privilege, but rule that the president's refusal to allow these witnesses to testify permits the senators (and thus the country) to assume that any testimony they might have given would have been unfavorable.

In an impeachment trial, unlike a criminal trial, the president is expected to mount a defense. The president's failure to call key witnesses under his control could be viewed as an admission of guilt.

If the Senate opts for a serious trial, witnesses such as Bolton, Mulvaney, Pompeo and McGahn might still be heard by citizens interested in what they have to say. Perhaps then we might get a full-throated examination of the events that have brought us to this place.

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Haley gets history of Confederate flag very wrong

BY ADAM H. DOMBY

Much of the crowd cheered as state troopers lowered the Confederate battle flag from the South Carolina State House's grounds in 2015. In response to the murder of nine parishioners at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, then-South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, a Republican, had ordered its permanent removal. At the time, it seemed that perhaps Haley, the daughter of Indian immigrants, recognized that the symbol had long divided South Carolinians due to the racist associations the flag held.

So much for that. On Friday, Haley declared the Confederate flag was "hijacked" by the racism of a single white supremacist terrorist in 2015, and that before then, "people saw it as service, sacrifice and heritage." While that was perhaps a shrewd statement for a potential presidential run, Haley was not presenting accurate history.

Indeed, the flag had long been tied to white supremacy, racism and racial violence. The Confederate flag was already tied to racism in 2000 when the state legislature agreed to move it from the top of the State House to the nearby Confederate monument where it would remain for 15 years. Indeed, the flag had first flown at South Carolina's State House, at least partially in response to federal orders to desegregate. The Confederate flag was a favorite symbol of those resisting the civil rights movement, including, in this case, the South Carolina government.

It was no accident that in 1948, the pro-segregation Dixiecrat party flew the Confederate flag as part of an openly racist campaign. With a platform that declared, "We stand for the segregation of the races and the racial integrity of each race," the party opposed "the elimination of segregation," "social equality" or "the repeal of miscegenation statutes." At the

Dixiecrats' 1948 convention, supporters of Strom Thurmond — then governor of South Carolina — held up Confederate flags and pictures of Robert E. Lee.

When Haley says South Carolina doesn't have "hateful" people, she obscures the long history of racist hatred demonstrated alongside the Confederate banner. Look no further than Charleston in 1875, when armed members of the Carolina Rifle Club of Charleston marched through town behind a Confederate flag in an effort to intimidate black voters as part of a statewide white-supremacist campaign that included voter intimidation, ballot box stuffing and terrorism.

White supremacists at the time did not need to appropriate the symbol; it already belonged to them. Indeed, the flag first flew in front of an all-white army fighting to create a slaveholders' republic. In 1864, it was under the Confederate flag that Nathan Bedford Forrest's troops killed unarmed U.S. Army soldiers at Fort Pillow in Tennessee because of the color of their skin.

It is important to note how Confederates understood their cause and symbols. The second national flag of the Confederacy, often called the "stainless banner," was a white flag with the Confederate battle flag in the canton designed to symbolically evoke racial pride. An 1863 editorial supporting the new design declared that "as a people we are fighting to maintain the Heaven-ordained supremacy of the white man over the inferior or colored race; a white flag would thus be emblematical of our cause."

The white-supremacy movement did not hijack the memory of the Confederacy; in many ways, the modern white-supremacist movement evolved out of the failed Confederate movement. Confederate veterans were rarely embarrassed when called white supremacists. In fact,

Julian Carr, who led the United Confederate Veterans and spoke at more Confederate monument dedications than perhaps any other North Carolinian, campaigned for U.S. Senate in 1900 under the slogan, "The White Man Must Rule or Die." He lost his primary because he was seen as too friendly toward African Americans.

As an academic, I study how bad history has contemporary consequences. Carr and other early-20th-century political leaders justified Jim Crow laws with false memories of America's past, especially regarding the Civil War. Recently, there has been a similar influx of inaccurate, often disingenuous history deployed by conservative commentators. While pundits love to talk about "competing visions of America's future," we might also say our polarized politics are partially driven by competing visions of America's past.

Whitewashed history and a lack of empathy, promoted by political leaders, seem to foster nostalgia for a past than never was. Bad history allows the terrorist attacks at Charleston and Charlottesville to appear as aberrations instead of part of a longer history of white-supremacist violence.

Only by ignoring the long history of racial discrimination and violence can we pretend racism is just a problem in the hearts of a few and not a persistent, institutional issue. Indeed, racism and white identity politics still play a major role in our political discourse. Pretending racism isn't a problem may appeal to some white voters, but it's bad for the country.

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Harassers must earn redemption

Kristen McQueary's recent column ("The fall and rise of former state Rep. John Anthony," Nov. 26), in which she declares former state Rep. John Anthony's redemption from his #MeToo moment, denies the reality of his victims and raises important questions: Why is there such a disproportionate concern for the lives and well-being of perpetrators of abuse — and why do victims never seem to receive the same?

We are repeatedly subjected to questions of what constitutes an appropriate punishment in cases of abuse in the workplace. When will we start talking about what the appropriate remedies are for those subjected to this abuse and the trauma that results from being abused within a power dynamic as complex as a political workplace?

Redemption is not a right — one must work to earn forgiveness, to recognize the harm caused and to commit to working to repair it. The bare minimum looks a little like this: Acknowledge the harm you've done and accept the consequences. Seek guidance on changing your behavior. *Never do it again.* And help others avoid making your mistakes.

Did McQueary call any of the victims to ask if Anthony deserved redemption? Did she ask Anthony whether he had apologized to any of them? Whether he had pursued therapy to address the underlying behavior behind the "mistakes" he says he has made?

Those who have come forward about abuse they've endured are expected to return to work, frequently still in proximity to abusers, without measures to address the damage done. As sexual harassment victim Alaina Hampton shared, even notes from a victim's therapy sessions can be subpoenaed if the victim is seeking damages for emotional distress, creating a chilling disincentive to getting help. Pair with that being shunned at work lest others be seen as a whistleblower too, and we have a perfect storm of challenges facing victims.

McQueary minimizes the story of what led to Anthony's downfall while fawning over his rise from the ashes. The editorial page regularly uses Hampton's name as a cudgel against House Speaker Michael Madigan. But these writers don't care whether Hampton's abuser, Kevin Quinn, repents. They don't care about Anthony's victims, and they have no expectation that he does the work to earn redemption. They care about ideology and they're willing to exploit anyone's pain they can to promote it.

— state Rep. Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago

Impeachment pursuit is partisan

In 1998, U.S. Rep. Jerry Nadler stated: "The effect of impeachment is to overturn the popular will of the voters. We must not overturn an election and remove a president from office except to defend our system of government or our constitutional liberties against a dire threat. And we must not do so without an overwhelming consensus of the American people. There must never be a narrowly voted impeachment or an impeachment supported by one of our major political parties and opposed by the other."

Last March, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said: "Impeachment is so divisive to the country that unless there's something so compelling and overwhelming and bipartisan, I don't think we should go down that path, because it divides the country."

What the House Democrats are doing is certainly not bipartisan, and is also not supported by an overwhelming consensus of the American people. What hypocrites!

— Bill Grand, North Aurora

Let the voters decide Trump's fate

What are the Democrats afraid of? They're afraid President Donald Trump will be reelected. Why not let the voters of this county decide his fate in the 2020 election? Democrats are wasting time rather than doing the people's business. I thought government was supposed to be of, for and by the people.

— Gary VanderBent, Elwood

Chicago worse off than Hong Kong

The most incredible statistic I have read in a very long time was stuck in the middle of a Dec. 8 editorial ("Illinois Exodus alert: Why Chicago skyscrapers and your home are worth less"). The editorial reports that over the past year, Chicago's commercial property value declined 4.1% compared to a 2.6% decline in Hong Kong. Wow!

And Chicago does not have major riots in the street and the threat that China may take over its territory sooner than later.

— Charles Campbell, Flossmoor

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Guests Tarra Bathurst, foreground from left, Brittany Georgiou, and Sarah Schlichte raise a toast with wine during a dinner instruction course titled "Steakhouse DIY" on Thursday at the Chopping Block in Chicago's Lincoln Square.

All I want for Christmas is ... skydiving?

Half of consumers say they'd rather get a gift of an experience than more stuff

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Bridget Anderson likes to be creative when picking out holiday presents for friends and family. But finding the perfect gift for her mom was an annual struggle.

"She's not super materialistic," said Anderson, 26, of Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. "She would ask for practical things, like socks."

Three years ago, she and her sister got their mom tickets to the musical version of Disney's "Aladdin." The gift of a family night out for dinner and a show has been their tradition ever since. This holiday season, she's also forgoing tangible gifts for her dad, who will get concert tickets. And instead of exchanging gifts with her boyfriend, they'll take a trip in January to Mexico.

"It's a nice Christmas gift to get to spend time together, and not just give meaningless stuff," she said.

The holidays have always been important for retailers selling staple gifts like sweaters and toys. But a growing share of consumers are considering swapping stuff for gifts that let recipients explore a new hobby or enjoy a night on the town. Businesses from cooking schools to theaters say they're benefiting from interest in gifts of experiences, despite risks of giving presents that can be tough

to return, not to mention challenging to wrap.

Half of consumers surveyed on their 2019 holiday shopping said they prefer experiences to tangible gifts, a trend that has been "up across the board" in recent years, said Diana Smith, associate director at market research firm Mintel, which conducted the survey.



Guests Raisa Fariha and Ellen Ruscello prepare an apple cranberry crisp as part of their dinner instruction course "Steakhouse DIY" on Thursday at the Chopping Block in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood.



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Magicians visit each table to perform Sunday at Chicago Magic Lounge.

Activities like dining out, traveling and entertainment are among the most common ways consumers say they're spending discretionary money, she said. When Mintel asked consumers about their goals, one of the most popular answers was trying new things.

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Ex-Outcome Health exec pleads guilty in alleged fraud scam

'There were practices going on there that were wrong'

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Former Outcome Health executive Ashik Desai entered the first guilty plea Monday in an alleged \$1 billion fraud scheme at the once high-flying Chicago-based company.

A federal prosecutor said Desai is cooperating with the government's investigation.

Hours later, Brad Purdy, another former executive, pleaded not guilty to criminal charges for his alleged role in the scheme.

The two, along with former CEO Rishi Shah and former president Shradha Agarwal, who are set to appear in court next week, face a combined 26 counts of fraud. The most serious charges carry up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

Outcome installs screens in doctor's offices and waiting rooms that combine health information with drug advertising. The company gained widespread attention in 2017 when it secured funding from big-name investors and rose to a valuation of about \$5.5 billion, a number unmatched among Chicago tech companies.

The charges allege the former executives ran a massive fraud scheme that brought in \$487.5 million in financing, a \$110 million loan and a \$375 million loan, amounting to nearly \$1 billion. The indictment also alleges the executives lied to clients and billed them millions of dollars for ads that never ran.

"When I was at Outcome Health,

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Chicago loses ground in top tech jobs

Study: Positions clustered in just five metro areas

BY TAYLOR TELFORD

The Washington Post

The explosion of top-tier tech jobs has clustered in a handful of coastal hubs, expanding the wealth and innovation differential that's draining talent from the rest of the nation, new research shows.

Just five metro areas — Boston; San Diego; San Francisco; San Jose, California; and Seattle — snapped up 90% of the 256,063 tech jobs created from 2005 to 2017, according to a study released Monday by The Brookings Institution. The remaining 10% was divided up among 377 urban areas.

The Chicago metro area lost 12,582 top-tier tech jobs between 2005 and 2017, the study said, though it named the Chicago area as one of 20 "superstar metro areas" with the largest numbers of jobs in innovation industries.

Other would-be hubs that saw their share of tech jobs shrink dramatically included Durham, North Carolina; Philadelphia; Dallas; and Wichita, Kansas, researchers found, with the bottom 90% of U.S. metro areas collectively losing one-third of these positions in the same period.

The result is a growing concentration of high-paying jobs that accelerates wage growth and, by extension, socioeconomic disparities. Income inequality is at its highest level since the

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Walmart pulls sweater featuring bug-eyed Santa Claus with cocaine

BY DEANNA PAUL
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Walmart removed several pieces of holiday merchandise from its Canadian website after customers took offense to a line of risqué Christmas clothing.

The retail giant also issued an apology over a sweater offered by third-party seller FUN Wear that featured an image of a bug-eyed Santa Claus seated in front of three white lines that appeared

to be cocaine. The sweater's tagline: "LET IT SNOW."

For those who weren't quite sure what the sweater might be suggesting, its product description read:

"We all know how snow works. It's white, powdery and the best snow comes straight from South America. That's bad news for jolly old St. Nick, who lives far away in the North Pole. That's why Santa really likes to savor the moment when he gets his hands on some quality, grade A, Co-

lombian snow."

Walmart said in a statement, "These sweaters, sold by a third-party seller on Walmart.ca, do not represent Walmart's values and have no place on our website."

"We apologize for any unintended offense this may have caused," it said.

The sweater and several others that have since been removed from the marketplace were sold by a third-party seller, Walmart reiterated in an email to The Washington Post.

The other items depicted the famous Christmas couple in compromising positions, according to Canada's Global News.

On one, a pants-less Santa Claus was seen "roasting his chestnuts" atop a burning fireplace. On another, captioned "Santa has been naughty," a lingerie-clad Mrs. Claus was depicted holding a whip and preparing to strike her husband's bare behind.

Walmart has faced similar issues before. Last year, supporters of

President Donald Trump called for a boycott over a T-shirt sold on Walmart's American marketplace. The shirt bore the words "Impeach 45," a reference to Trump, the 45th president of the United States.

"We're removing these types of items pending review of our marketplace policies," Walmart said in a statement at the time.

In 2017, Walmart apologized for a third-party seller's online ad, which contained a racist slur. The listing from a British com-

pany that sold hair products tailored for black people was for a wig cap in the color "n-brown."

Walmart is not the only online retailer to pull a seasonal product that some consumers have found objectionable.

Last week, Amazon halted the sale of Auschwitz-themed holiday decorations, including a Christmas tree ornament and a bottle opener described as a "memorable gift, perfect for every festival."

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"There's just a different mindset among consumers around how they're living their lives," Smith said.

Businesses from cooking schools to cultural institutions say that mindset change brings a boom in gift sales during the holidays.

December gift card sales at the Goodman Theatre in the Loop have grown 28% over the last five years, said Marketing Director Jay Corsi, though he attributes some of the growth to a promotion in recent years giving anyone buying a \$100 gift card between Black Friday and Christmas an extra \$20.

At Richard Stromberg's Chicago Photography Classes in the Ravenswood neighborhood, sales of gift certificates grew about 10% during last year's holiday season compared with 2017, and could see similar growth this year, partner Nick Sinnott said. About 80% of all gift certificates sold are bought in November and December.

"We get a call or email at least every other day, if not once a day, from Thanksgiving through Christmas and Hanukkah," Sinnott said.

Despite the boost it gives the bottom line, the holiday rush can be a challenge if recipients all try to use their gifts soon after celebrating.

January and February cooking classes at The Chopping Block are "crazy full," said marketing manager Andrea Miller. "Gift cards are burning holes in people's pockets."

Nearly 60% of all gift cards sold at The Chopping Block's locations in the River North and Lincoln Square neighborhoods are purchased between October and December, she said. Classes often run between \$60 and \$100, though all-day and multiday "boot camps" cost more.

Wicker Park cocktail bar The Violet Hour scheduled more of its \$125 Winter Cocktails 101 classes than usual this coming January because they've proven popular gifts, said general manager Abe Vucekovich. The bar also sells experiences beyond a standard night of drinks, such as a \$260 tasting session for two featuring three cocktails from past menus and seats by the fireplace.

Some gift-givers turn to experiences because they want to avoid buying stuff that might be quickly forgotten. But they're also popular with last-minute shoppers because gift certificates for experiences often can be purchased online and printed immediately.

At Aloft Circus Arts in the Logan Square neighborhood, which teaches trapeze-flying and tight-rope walking, people tend to purchase gift classes in November or

the week of Christmas, said Christine Conroy, manager of education programming.

"You're either a planner, or you're really last minute. There's not a lot in the middle," Conroy said.

Still, don't expect a package-free holiday season anytime soon. Tangible items are still more common purchases.

"There's a risk they might not like it or really use it. It might be easier or safer to get a tangible gift that can be easily returned," said Mintel's Smith.

Leslie Pergament-Nenia said she felt better about buying her daughter a gift certificate for a \$250 one-day boot camp course at Chicago Photography Classes in Ravenswood knowing she could get a refund if her daughter decided it wasn't a good fit after a free introductory 90-minute class.

Her daughter had asked for a digital camera, but Pergament-Nenia, 72, of Shabbona, thought starting with a class would help her figure out what kind of camera she wanted. She's also giving her two grandchildren an indoor skydiving trip at iFly in Naperville — \$99.95 to let each child jump twice.

"It's life experiences that stay with you the most, and life experiences that you learn from," Pergament-Nenia said.

But there is a risk the recipient simply won't redeem an IOU for an experience. People who want to give a show at the Chicago Magic Lounge in Ravenswood for the holidays tend to purchase gift certificates, which don't require committing to a date, while those buying for a birthday or anniversary more often purchase tickets to a specific show and plan a night out with the recipient, said Marketing Director Cynthia Ferkol.

According to a 2018 survey by Consumer Reports, nearly 20% of Americans own three or more unused gift cards. Consumers with cards they hadn't spent said they had \$50 on average left on their cards, though it wasn't clear how long they had gone unredeemed, said Consumer Reports Communications Director Barrie Rosen.

Others might worry the gift itself — often a card describing the experience — will be less exciting to unwrap than something that can be enjoyed immediately.

An item to go along with the experience can provide the best of both, said Shawna Huffman Owen, CEO of Huffman Travel.

She works with clients to plan the physical gift as well as the trip, which could mean wrapping a new carry-on bag containing a journal, postcards from places the family will visit, an item that might be useful on the trip and a book or movie featuring the destination.

"We're still a material society, and we're still visual," she said.

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Agreement in sight on NAFTA rewrite

Trump, Democrats work out deal on Canada, Mexico

BY ANDREW TAYLOR AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats have reached a tentative agreement with labor leaders and the White House over a rewrite of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade deal that has been a top priority for President Donald Trump.

That's according to a Democratic aide not authorized to discuss the talks and granted anonymity.

Details still need to be finalized and the U.S. trade representative will need to submit the implementing legislation to Congress.

No vote has been scheduled. The aide requested anonymity because the agreement is not official.

The new, long-sought trade agreement with Mexico and Canada would give both Trump and his top adversary, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a major accomplishment despite the turmoil of his likely impeachment.

Pelosi, D-Calif., still has to officially sign off on the accord, aides said.

The new trade pact would replace the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, which eliminated most tariffs and other trade barriers involving the United States, Mexico and Canada. Critics, including Trump, labor unions and many Democratic lawmakers, branded NAFTA a job killer for America because it encouraged factories to move south of the border, capitalize on low-wage Mexican workers and ship products back to the U.S. duty free.

Weeks of back-and-forth, closely monitored by Democratic labor allies such as the AFL-CIO, have brought the two sides together. Pelosi is a long-time free trade advocate and



MANDEL NGAN/GETTY-AFP

President Donald Trump branded the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement as a job killer for the U.S.

supported the original NAFTA in 1994. Trump has accused Pelosi of being incapable of passing the agreement because she is too wrapped up in impeachment.

Democrats from swing districts have agitated for finishing the accord, in part to demonstrate some accomplishments for their majority.

By ratifying the agreement, Congress could lift uncertainty over the future of U.S. commerce with its No. 2 (Canada) and No. 3 (Mexico) trading partners last year and perhaps give the U.S. economy a modest boost. U.S. farmers are especially eager to make sure their exports to Canada and Mexico continue uninterrupted.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer last year negotiated the replacement agreement with Canada and Mexico. But the new USMCA accord required congressional approval and input from top Democrats like Pelosi and Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal of Massachusetts, who have been engaged in lengthy, detailed negotiations over enforcement provisions and other technical details.

Republicans leaders and lawmakers have agitated for months for the accord, but Pelosi has painstakingly worked to bring labor on board. Democrats see the pact as significantly better than NAFTA and an endorsement by AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka could be the key to winning significant Democratic support.

The pact contains provisions designed to nudge manufacturing back to the United States. For example, it requires that 40% to 45% of cars eventually be made in countries that pay autoworkers at least \$16 an hour — that is, in the United States and Canada and not in Mexico.

The trade pact picked up some momentum after Mexico in April passed a labor-law overhaul required by USMCA. The changes are meant to make it easier for Mexican workers to form independent unions and bargain for better pay and working conditions, narrowing the gap with the United States.

Mexico ratified USMCA in June and has budgeted more money later this year to provide the resources needed for enforcing the agreement.

More layoffs at Uptake Technologies

Data firm launched by Keywell, who co-founded Groupon

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Uptake Technologies laid off 23 employees Friday, the latest cuts for the Chicago-based company.

The affected employees worked across departments, but were concentrated in the product and operations team, said Morgan Scott, director of communications, in an email. A few of the company's data scientists were also laid off, Scott said.

Uptake, launched in July 2014 by Groupon co-founder Brad Keywell, analyzes data from heavy machinery to help predict equipment failure and reduce downtime. Users of the company's software include the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps.

"Uptake has spent 5 years building the Uptake platform. When you build a platform you need an upfront investment in talent — product developers and engineers — and our team scaled quickly (maybe too quickly)," Scott said in the email. "At this point, the Uptake platform is complete and built,



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Group space in the common area at Uptake, a data analytics firm in Chicago.

and is being used by customers. Simply put: now that we've built a highly efficient, highly successful platform, we need fewer people."

The company is valued at more than \$2 billion. In June the Tribune reported that it employs

about 500 people. That's down from roughly 750 employees in early 2018.

Scott declined to disclose an updated employee count.

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Census Bureau started tracking it five decades ago, despite historically low unemployment and poverty rates. The gulf between the top and bottom is starker in wealthy coastal regions which also command the highest numbers of tech workers.

The research by Mark Muro and Jacob Whiton of the Brookings' Metropolitan Policy Program, and Robert Atkinson of the Information Technology and Innovation foundation, looked at employment in 13 "innovation industries," which they defined as fields where at least 45% of the workforce has STEM degrees and where research and development investment per worker is \$20,000 or higher. The industries range from aerospace to chemical engineering to software and data processing.

These positions make up just 3% of U.S. jobs, but generate 6% of gross domestic product and a quarter of exports. A third of innovation jobs are concentrated in just 16 counties, the report found, and half are compressed in 41 counties. The concentration is tied to the nature of technology: Progress and productivity increase more quickly in small areas with a wealth of resources and talent.

"These places enjoy the benefits of what economists call cumulative causation," the report says, "through which their earlier knowledge and firm advantages now attract even more talented workers, start-ups, and investment, creating a gravitational pull toward the nation's critical innovation sectors while simultaneously draining key talent and business activity from other places."

The trend creates its own set of problems for the tech hubs, the authors note, including skyrocketing housing costs, worsening traffic, and wage expectations that can freeze out smaller companies.

But the economic prosperity is significant: in the 20 cities with the most employment in innovation industries, the average output per worker is \$109,443, according to the report. That's one-third more than the other 363 metropolitan areas nationwide.

The machinations of the tech industry stand in stark contrast to manufacturing, where companies had to keep costs low to compete. Traditionally, economists believed that even regions that lagged the rest of the country would eventually catch up, once businesses relocated to avoid rising costs in more competitive areas. For much of the past century, lower-income states and metro areas saw faster wage gains and bigger growth and than higher-income ones.

When tech companies do move for lower costs, they're more likely to move outside U.S. borders to tech-dominant countries like China and India, the report says. And since the concentration of tech means that such redistribution won't come naturally, the report's authors contend, government intervention is needed.

"The neoclassical economics idea that markets can be left to drive innovation has instead left the heartland behind," Atkinson said in a news release. "A strong federal effort focused on helping some metros transition into self-sustaining tech hubs can help more Americans benefit from the significant opportunities enabled by high-tech industry growth."

The authors propose that the federal government identify several metropolitan areas that have been left behind in tech growth and invest in them heavily for a decade to help them become competitive through workforce development funding, tax and regulatory benefits, business financing and federal land and infrastructure supports. They estimated such a program would cost \$100 billion over 10 years, but pointed out that the price tag is "substantially less" than fossil fuel subsidies for the same time frame.

"The nation's tech-driven spatial divides have reached emergency status and won't resolve themselves on their own," Muro said in the news release. "It's time for the nation to push back against these trends and conduct a major experiment to see if we can help eight to 10 promising metros emerge as really dynamic anchors of growth in the nation's heartland."

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there were practices going on there that were wrong," Desai said during his court appearance Monday. "I participated in those practices that ended up defrauding Outcome's customers."

Desai, now 26, served as Outcome's executive vice president of business growth and analytics. He was charged with felony wire fraud last month. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Madden told Judge Thomas M. Durkin that Desai is cooperating with the investigation.

The losses to Outcome's pharmaceutical clients attributed to Desai's actions were allegedly between \$250 million and \$500 million, Madden said in court.

The maximum prison term for the charges against Desai, if convicted, is 20 years. If he continues to cooperate, the recommended sentence would be for no more than 10 years, Madden said.

Sentencing isn't expected un-

til after Shah, Agarwal and Purdy's trials.

Purdy, now 30, held various roles including chief financial officer and chief operating officer until he left Outcome in early 2018. He is charged with six counts each of mail fraud and wire fraud, two counts of bank fraud and one count of making false statements to a financial institution.

Theodore Poulos, an attorney representing Purdy, said Monday afternoon that Purdy acted in good faith during his time at Outcome.

"Ashik Desai and several of his underlings committed a massive fraud. The evidence will show Brad Purdy was not part of that fraud," he said. "Evidence is going to show Ashik Desai repeatedly lied to Brad and others to conceal his fraud from people like Brad."

Desai and Purdy were both released on condition of bond after their separate court appearances, and surrendered their passports.

Desai started as a summer intern at Outcome in 2012, when

he was still a college student, and was later hired full time, according to a document Madden read in court Monday morning. He was placed on leave in 2017 and later resigned.

He lives in Philadelphia and is pursuing a master's in business administration.

Purdy, who appeared in front of Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cummings Monday afternoon, lives in San Francisco.

Two employees who worked under Desai, Kathryn Choi and Oliver Han, were charged last month with felony conspiracy to commit wire fraud in a criminal information.

Choi, 29, and Han, 29, pleaded not guilty last week in federal court in Chicago, and were released on condition of bond. The maximum term of imprisonment for the charge is five years if convicted.

Former CEO Shah, now 33, and former president Agarwal, now 34, are set to appear in court Dec. 16.

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JOHN GRADY 1929-2019

Federal judge oversaw antitrust, corruption trials

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Senior U.S. District Judge John Grady was on the federal bench for 39 years and earned a reputation for fairness and innovation while overseeing landmark corruption and antitrust cases.

"He had a great reputation for integrity and courage," said former U.S. Attorney Dan Webb, who tried the Marquette 10 police corruption case in front of Grady. "Judge Grady kept up on every legal issue, every evidentiary issue, and he was prepared to rule on them. His work ethic and his preparation stood out in my mind. And secondly was his fairness in his legal rulings to both sides."

Senior Northern District Judge Marvin Aspen called Grady "a man of independence and principle ... not influenced or bothered by any noise outside his own responsibility."

Grady, 90, died of natural causes Dec. 2 in his Wilmette home, according to his son, John.

"He was a very Lincoln-esque character, tall, thin, very prominent facial features," said attorney Chester Kamin, who represented MCI in a landmark 1980 antitrust case against AT&T before Grady. "He was, like Lincoln, droll, very succinct, very smart and very honest."

Grady introduced innovations in jury selection nearly 40 years ago and expanded the role of alternate jurors in civil cases, according to Kamin.

"He did a lot of other things designed to promote jury understanding," Kamin said, including allowing jurors to take notes and keep notebooks of exhibits. "He really wanted the jurors to understand the case."

Grady was born in Chicago in 1929. His father died when he was about 2 years old, leaving his mother a 22-year-old widow struggling to support herself and her son.

His mother remarried when Grady was 6 or 7. Eventually the family settled in Springfield for the start of Grady's high school years. His son said he was drifting, and at the suggestion of a local priest, they moved back to Evanston where he enrolled at Lake Forest Academy. He blossomed as a student there, earning academic scholarships to both undergraduate and law studies at



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Judge John Grady, the judge in the Betty Loren-Maltese racketeering trial, exits the federal building in Chicago.

Northwestern University, according to his son.

In a 2011 interview with Collins Fitzpatrick, circuit executive for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Grady credited a book he read as a teenager for his decision to pursue a law career.

The book was "Clarence Darrow for the Defense," by Irving Stone.

"I was so enthralled by the story. ... I decided that's what I wanted to do," Grady said in the interview, published in the April 2011 edition of "The Circuit Rider (The Journal of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association)."

After graduating from law school in 1954, he worked at a Chicago law firm for a couple of years before becoming an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago in 1956. He was chief of the criminal division there from 1960 to 1961.

He then practiced law in Waukegan for 15 years, most of that time as a sole practitioner specializing in civil trial and appellate practice.

His work as a U.S. attorney and his years in private practice gave him a deep understanding from a lawyer's side of the bench, his son said.

"He tried so many cases in Waukegan and with the U.S. attorney's office, he was a 'lawyer's judge,'" his son said.

Grady's practical and pragmatic approach as a judge led to creativity and efficiency.

"His private practice time formed his judicial philosophy through experience and his understanding of how jurors took their oath seriously and by and large got it right," his son said.

Grady was the first member of his court to permit jurors to take notes during trials and one of the first in

the nation to allow jurors to orally question witnesses in civil trials.

Grady was appointed to the federal bench by President Gerald Ford in 1975. He served for 39 years, including four as chief judge from 1986 to 1990, before moving to senior status in 2015.

In the MCI case, Grady entered a judgment for \$1.8 billion against AT&T, which settled with MCI after an appeal.

Court officials said he was known for ushering in an era of harsher sentences in public corruption cases, imposing lengthy prison terms in 1977 for officials of the agency now known as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District for accepting \$1 million in bribes in exchange for letting a lucrative sludge-hauling contract.

In June 1982, Grady handed down stiff sentences after a federal jury convicted the "Marquette Ten" Chicago police officers of accepting bribes to allow drug-dealing on Chicago's West Side.

Grady also continued efforts to make the justice system more responsive to the needs of the public. He was appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court to serve as chairman of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

He was also appointed to the Judicial Panel on Multi-district Litigation, a group of seven federal judges who meet periodically and coordinate the pretrial handling of similar cases filed in federal courts throughout the country.

Gabriel Fuentes, a law clerk to Judge Grady in 1994 who was sworn in by him as a U.S. magistrate judge last June, said Grady always followed the law wherever it took him.

"He was completely unafraid of whether a higher court might disagree with him," Fuentes said. "He used to say of court decisions: 'That's why they call them opinions.' And he used to say that courage is the most important quality any judge must have. He had it in spades."

Grady is also survived by his wife Patsy; his brother Frank Cheatle; and two grandchildren.

Private services are planned.

Megan is a freelance reporter.

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Tom Carr

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Anton, Mary A.

Mary A. Anton, (nee Casten), age 87, late of McHenry, and formerly of Joliet and Niles, IL, died December 7, 2019.
Wife of the late Christ Anton; mother of Litsa (Rene) Anton Guevara of Pinole, CA and Spiro (the late Beth) Anton of McHenry; grandmother of Liam and Anastasia Guevara; sister of Lillian Casten of New Buffalo, MI; and aunt and cousin to several.
Visitation Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black (at Essington Rds.), Joliet. Funeral services Saturday, 11:00 a.m., All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, 102 N. Broadway, Joliet.
In lieu of flowers, memorials to All Saints Church Endowment Fund or P.A.W.S. of Tinley Park, 8301 W 191st St, Tinley Park, IL 60487 appreciated.
For more information and to read her complete obituary, visit www.fredcdames.com



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Bellinder, George

George Bellinder, age 91, of Des Plaines and Prospect Heights passed away Dec. 9, 2019. Loving husband of Mary Ann, nee Kellner; dear father of Steven, James (Anne), Phillip, and Sharon (Brian) Lehr; proud grandfather of Katie, Nichole, Greg, Megan, Nolan, Brandon and Haley; great-grandfather of 2; fond brother of Edward (Helen) and the late Alex (Mary). Visitation will be Thursday, Dec 12, 2019 from 9:30 am until time of Funeral Mass 11 am at St. Alphonsus Church, 411 N. Wheeling Rd., Prospect Heights. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospitals appreciated. For info: (847) 394-2336 or www.matz-funeralhome.com

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Burkhart, Robert E. "Bob"

Robert E. "Bob" Burkhart, age 96, beloved husband of the late Judith A. Burkhart, nee Prikopa (2010). Loving father of Donna (late Earl) McCauley, John "Jack" (Belinda) Burkhart and the late Robert "Willie" Burkhart. Cherished grandfather of Rob (Shonda) McCauley, Heather (Brian) Wolf, John "Willie" Burkhart and Jack Ramsey Burkhart. Dearest great-grandfather of Justin, Holly, and Tyler Wolf; Ian and Collin McCauley. Dear brother of Everett Jr., Willowden Carlson, and the late William (Mokey), Betty Moore, Ruby McDowell, Bobbie Gene, and Frankie Dean. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday from 3-7 PM with a Funeral Service to follow at 7:00 p.m. at **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment private Chapel Hill Gardens South, Oak Lawn, IL. Memorials to Lulu's Locker Rescue are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Cartland, John T.

John T. Cartland, longtime resident of Northbrook, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2019 at the age of 87. John was preceded in death this year by his dear wife, Paula. John was born on March 5, 1932 in Evanston and grew up in Park Ridge. He was an Army First Lieutenant and Korean War Veteran. John graduated from the Engineering School of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and ran a successful engineering firm in the Chicago area for many years. He served as an alderman in Park Ridge, on the founding board of the Mighty Mites youth football league, and on the board at Thresholds in Chicago. In his retirement his philanthropic and volunteer work knew no bounds, from continuing his work at Thresholds, to tutoring at-risk kids. And he loved, and was supremely dedicated to, his family. Also preceding John in death were his parents, Si and Geri; his three sisters, Mary, Abi, and Cathy; and his step-daughter, Bonni. He is survived by his brother, Stj; his children Jack (Jill), Mary (John), Doug, Jenifer (Jeff), and Susan (Doug B.); his step children Nancy (Tania) and Ben; plus nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Thresholds. You can donate at Thresholds.org.

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Cisek, Sharon

Sharon Cisek, nee Dziak, age 68, of Lemont, formerly of Chicago, passed away December 7, 2019, with her family at her side. Sharon was born in Chicago, on January 3, 1951. Beloved wife of John "Jack" Cisek; loving mother of Adam Cisek and Nicholas (Nancy) Cisek; cherished grandmother of Giuseppe, Giuliana, Genna, Olivia, and Owen; proud sister of the late Doreen (late Joseph) Korzyniewski; and dearest aunt of Stefanie (Rich) Korzyniewski, Phil Korzyniewski, Chris Cisek and Lisa Cisek. Visitation Thursday, December 12, 2019, from 3 - 8 p.m. at **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 108 Illinois St. Lemont. Funeral services Friday, December 13, 2019, 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to SS. Cyril & Methodius Church for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 608 Sobieski St. Lemont, IL 60439. Info: 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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DiBartelo, Christine

Christine DiBartelo, nee Grover, age 74; beloved wife of L. Douglas DiBartelo; loving mother of Nikki Therese (Tony Ciezadlo) Alessi and the late Thad Eugene DiBartelo; endearing Mimi to Ava, Rocco, and Vaughan; dear sister of Charles (Joan) Grover, the late Connie, Barry (the late Brigetta), and Cathy; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; most special friend to many. Visitation Wednesday, December 11th, 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Funeral Thursday, December 12th, 9:15 a.m. from **Sullivan Funeral Home**, 60 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521 to St. Helena's Episcopal Church, 7600 Wolf Road, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. Funeral Service, 10:00 a.m. Interment Private. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com



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See Michael L. Prasse notice.

Fisherkeller, Cheryl A.

Cheryl A. Fisherkeller nee Johnsen; age 83 Beloved wife for 63 years of John; Loving mother of Jack (Anne), Bill (Patty), Mariellen (Bob) Caron, Sue (John) Wuest, Jim (Chrissy) and Ed (Gail); Devoted grandma of 18 and great-grandma of 3; Dearest sister of the late Gloria Nibbelink; Dear sister-in-law of Marge Ryan Sabin and the late Rev. Bill Fisherkeller CSV; Fond aunt of 7. Visitation Wednesday 4-8 p.m. and Thursday, 8 a.m. until time of funeral, 9:30 a.m. at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca to St. Peter the Apostle Church, Itasca. Mass 10 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated. For funeral info 630-250-8588 or www.oaksfh.com

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Foster, Floyd R.

Floyd R. Foster, age 81; beloved husband of Mary Lou Foster, nee Polich; loving father of Whitney (Jim) Munro; cherished papa of Sterling, Powell, and Landon Munro; dear brother of Joan (the late Bob) Mallek, Joyce (Herb) Habermann, and the late Mildred (the late Joseph) Koncel, and Ken (the late Evelyn) Foster. Memorial Visitation, Thursday, December 12th 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM, with sharing of memories at 7:30 PM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden) Downers Grove. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com



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Freud, Bruce Benjamin

Bruce Benjamin Freud, 65, of Beverly Hills, CA. Beloved husband of Marta Freud, nee Rosen; loving father of Michael, Jacob, and Zachary Freud; devoted son of Mildred Freud Mendelson and the late William Freud; cherished brother of Steven (Linda) Freud, Elissa (Steve Willis) Freud, and Douglas (Margaret Schott) Freud; treasured son-in-law of the late Eunice and the late William Rosen; special brother-in-law of Marc (Hadassah) Rosen, James (Sarah) Rosen, and Gary (Jose Melo) Rosen; fond uncle of Rebecca and Sarah Willis, Jordan and Em Freud, Aryeh Freud, Noah, Daniel, Benjamin, Gabriel, Samuel, and Lucila Rosen; friend to so many.

Bruce was a builder. From Chicago to Broadway to Hollywood, Bruce saw the world for what it was and he saw people for what they could become. He was blessed with an almost magical ability to connect with people and uncanny intuition into their reality. He had a special gift for listening. Many lives were changed by Bruce's faith in their abilities and encouragement of their dreams.

Bruce's energy and spirit were inexhaustible. He was a serial entrepreneur, a natural leader, and a born story-teller. He had a tale for almost every situation, almost all of which were true. He was authentic -- he lived his values. He proved you could be a successful businessman while displaying positivity, kindness, and integrity.

After receiving an MBA from Northwestern University in 1977, Bruce flourished in the garment industry in Chicago and launched his own women's wear line. He jumped to entertainment in 2000, launching LiquidGeneration and growing it to become the leading US online animation site of its time.

Building companies was his craft, but family was his passion. He spent hours and hours with his kids and their friends, playing cards after midnight, giving them advice, and sharing stories. He treated everyone, no matter their age, as an equal. He loved craps, cruises, cigars, Lou Malnati's pizza, Walker Brothers German pancakes, sushi, and the Chicago Bears, not necessarily in that order.

In business, with friends, in marriage, in life, he committed fully and never gave up. He worked, dreamed, loved, and laughed until his very last moment. He gave his last measure to us until he could give no more. He will be loved and missed forever.

Service Wednesday, 12 Noon at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove, IL (1 Blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Donations may be made to stocan.org or the charity of your choice. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Geyer, Daniel J.

Daniel J. Geyer, 80, passed away December 9. Retired Chicago Police Officer. Loving father of Tony (Roselynn) Geyer. Cherished grandfather of Stephanie. Dear brother of George (Janet) Geyer. Fond uncle of many. Served over 30 years with CPD, retiring with the 18th District. Visitation will be Thursday, December 12, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W Lawrence Ave, Norridge. Interment private. Info: 708-456-8300



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In 1817 Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state.

In 1898 a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.

In 1906 President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

In 1931 Jane Addams became a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.

In 1950 Ralph Bunche was presented the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black Ameri-

can to receive the award.

In 1958 the first domestic passenger jet flight took place in the U.S. as a National Airlines Boeing 707 flew 111 passengers from New York to Miami in about 2½ hours.

In 1964 Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize during ceremonies in Oslo.

In 1965 the Grateful Dead played their first concert, at the Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco.

In 1967 singer Otis Redding died in the crash of his private plane in Wisconsin.

In 1980 Rep. John Jenrette, D-S.C., resigned to avoid

being expelled from the House following his conviction on charges relating to the FBI's Abscam investigation.

In 1994 Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin received the Nobel Peace Prize, pledging to pursue their mission of healing the anguished Middle East.

In 2002 former President Jimmy Carter accepted the Nobel Peace Prize for his diplomacy in the Middle East in the 1970s.

In 2014 Judy Baar Topinka, 70, colorful Illinois Republican who spent more than three decades in the public eye as a state lawmaker, treasurer, comptroller and candidate for governor, died. **Also in 2014** Allan Kustok, father of sportscaster Sarah Kustok and former Northwestern University quarterback Zak Kustok, was sentenced to 60 years in prison for the 2010 murder of his wife, Anita "Jeanie" Kustok, in their Orland Park home.

In 2017 bitcoin futures surged more than \$3,000 to \$18,010 four hours after trading launched on the Chicago Board Options Exchange, the virtual currency's debut on a major U.S. exchange; the contract opened at \$15,000, according to data from the CBOE.

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ILLINOIS	
Dec. 9	
Lotto	02 15 34 41 43 44 / 08
Lotto jackpot:	\$13.75M
Pick 3 midday	963 / 7
Pick 4 midday	9329 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday	02 08 16 25 29
Pick 3 evening	154 / 3
Pick 4 evening	4321 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto evening	01 13 22 23 31
Dec. 10 Mega Millions:	\$314M
Dec. 11 Powerball:	\$140M
WISCONSIN	
Dec. 9	
Pick 3	468
Pick 4	6526
Badger 5	02 03 05 23 30
SuperCash	13 23 28 31 32 34

INDIANA	
Dec. 9	
Daily 3 midday	484 / 3
Daily 4 midday	9490 / 3
Daily 3 evening	153 / 5
Daily 4 evening	3952 / 5
Cash 5	01 04 11 18 45
MICHIGAN	
Dec. 9	
Daily 3 midday	096
Daily 4 midday	3098
Daily 3 evening	492
Daily 4 evening	9082
Fantasy 5	06 08 11 24 25
Keno	03 05 11 14 15 23
	24 26 37 40 44 45 50
	57 59 61 62 70 73 75 80

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Hayes, Michael J.

Michael J. Hayes, Age 77, Born March 14, 1942 and Born into Eternal Life on December 7, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Anne M. (nee Convey). Loving father of Michael (Katherine), Patrick (Julian), and Christopher (Jean) Hayes. Proud grandpa of Nora, Michael, Mary Kate, Ellie, Kevin, Patrick, Timothy, Brendan, and Owen. Beloved son of the late Monica and Edward F. Hayes, Sr. of Hayes & Sons Moving and Storage. Devoted brother of the late Edward F. Jr. (Rosemary), the late Marge, Monica (Edward) Wallen, Marianne (Daniel) Commes, Patrick J. and Bill Hayes. Fond uncle of Ed, Brian, Derek, Tori, Ted, and Danny. Alumnus of St. Ignatius College Prep and retired teacher for the Chicago Board of Education at Bowen H.S. Mike was an avid golfer and #1 fan of his grandkids' sports teams. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at St. Barnabas Church, 10134 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL 60643 on Friday morning for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to WGA Evans Scholars Foundation, 2501 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview, IL 60026 are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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Horvath, Zoltan I.

Zoltan was born in 1930 in Marcalto, Hungary, lived with his parents and sisters, Margit and Aranka. With the onset of Communism, he emigrated to the US in 1959, and settled in Chicago, IL, where he met Lidia Majczan. They married in 1965, and lived in the city to raise their three children. He was employed as an electrician, and retired after a full career at the Chicago Tribune. During that time, the Horvaths moved and continue to reside in Antioch, IL. In retirement, he continued his interests in renovations, vehicle maintenance and remained active in his faith. He is survived by Lidia (wife), Peter (son), Istvan (son), Terike (daughter) and Joe (spouse), and Audrey (granddaughter).

Memorial service to be held at 1:00 pm on December 14, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 23602 West Grass Lake Rd, Antioch, IL, 60002. In lieu of flowers, please consider warm wishes, or a donation made in his memory to a local charitable organization.

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Hunter, Katie Corinne

Katie Corinne Hunter (Dietz), 39, passed away on Sat. Nov. 23, 2019 in Reseda, CA. She was born Aug. 12, 1980 in Evanston, IL, and was formerly of Chicago, Zion and Vernon Hills, living in California for this past year. She was a graduate of the University of Michigan and a former employee of Heartland Produce in Kenosha, WI. Katie was an accomplished musician, loved nature and sports, especially skiing.

Surviving are her parents, William and Cindee Dietz; brother Ryan (Kristen) Dietz; nephew Evan and niece McKenna. Also her grandmothers', Myra Rosenberg and Hanice Shandling

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Allan Shandling and William and Lois Dietz.

A Celebration of life service will be held at 11:00 am Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 at The Chapel, 1200 American Way, Libertyville with a reception following. Memorial contributions can be made to either the LGBT Community Fund at the Chicago Community Trust, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 2200, Chicago, IL 60610; PAWS of Chicago, 1997 N. Clybourn Ave. Chicago, IL 60614 or NAMI, 3803 N. Fairfax Dr. Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203. Arrangements are by the **Burnett-Dane Funeral Home**, in Libertyville. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

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Joyce, Elizabeth

JOYCE, Elizabeth L., AGE 71 of West Grove, PA passed on Dec. 7, 2019. Beloved wife of Kieran "Kelly" for 51 years, mother of Brian (Judith Wray); sister of Donna Phillips (Herb) and Edward Herkert (Eileen). Visitation from 11AM to 1PM and memorial service at 1PM on Thur., Dec 12, 2019 at LONGWOOD FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION of MATTHEW GENEUX, 913 E. Balt. Pk., Kennett Square, PA. Burial private. Luncheon to follow at Mendenhall Inn.

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Kenney, Jeanne K.

Jeanne K. Kenney (nee Zuleger) age 85; Beloved wife of William M. Kenney Lt. C.F.D. Ret.; Loving mother of Shirlee Kenney; Mary Ellen (Richard) Kulig, Nancy (Al) Kalata, William (Tammy), Kathy, Jeanne Kenney, Tracy (Christopher) Nolan and Joseph (Amy) Kenney; Cherished grandmother of Jason (Sam), Kevin (Katie) Kulig, Alexa Kalata, Nicholas Kenney, Johnny, Erin Nolan, Ryan, Grace and Emma Kenney; Soon to be a great grandmother of 1; Proud daughter of the late Ervin J. and Katherine E. Zuleger (nee Monheim); Dear sister of Shirley (Bill) Fitzsimons; Kind sister in law of Kay (Larry) Oldendorf, the late Mary (the late Bill) Dewan and James (Marilyn) Kenney; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Favorite hostess of the South Side Irish Parade. Visitation Wednesday 3 to 9 PM; Funeral Thursday 10:15 AM from the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, 10727 S. Pulaski Rd., to St. Cajetan Church for Mass 11:00 AM; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Please sign guest book at www.andrewmcgann.com, for info 773-783-7700.

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Luchetta, Louise M.

Beloved wife of the late William. Loving aunt of Linda and the late John, Frank and J.C. Cherished sister, cousin, and friend of many. Funeral Thursday December 12, 2019 at Matz Funeral Home 3440 N. Central Ave. Visitation 8:30 am until prayers at 11:00 am with a procession to St. Pascal Church for 11:30 am mass. Interment Irving Park Cemetery. Info 773 545 5420 or www.matzfuneralhome.com

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Pater, Dolores V.

nee McIntyre; Devoted wife of the late Paul; Loving mother of the late Susan (Larry) Haras, Paul Ret. CPD (Karen), Donna (Dennis, USCG Ret.) Mark, Daniel (Bernadette), and Martin (Colleen); Proud Grandma of Paul, Michelle (Matt) Anderson, Ron (Pam), Josh, Andrew, Sara, Caitlyn, Patrick, and Danny; Great-grandma of Grace, Ryan, and Ron; Dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and friend to many; Visitation Wednesday, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Thursday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Denis Church, 8301 S. Saint Louis Ave., Chicago IL; Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Pollitt, Gertrude

Dr. Gertrude Pollitt died peacefully at Gidwitz Place in Deerfield on Tuesday December 4, several months after celebrating her 100th birthday. Gertrude was born in Vienna, Austria on September 12, 1919. Shortly following the Nazi occupation in 1938 she boarded a train to London, bidding a final farewell to her family, all of whom perished in the Holocaust. In London she worked as a maid and child care worker while studying social services at the London School of Economics. She furthered her training with renowned psychoanalysts Melanie Klein and Anna Freud, whose insights helped inform her life's work. After WWII Gertrude was recruited by the United Nations to manage camps for surviving children of Holocaust victims. She later emigrated to Chicago where she married Erwin Pollitt, whom she had known both in Vienna and London. She pursued further training at the University of Chicago and the Institute for Psychoanalysis and earned a doctoral degree from the Center for Psychoanalytic Study, where she was later appointed Executive Director. Dr. Pollitt had numerous administrative, clinical and teaching appointments, while maintaining a busy private practice well into her 90's. In 2014 she published her memoir entitled "Children of Separation and Loss", which chronicled her experiences as a clinician and Holocaust survivor. Her second book, which includes a number of her academic papers, was submitted to the publisher weeks before her death. Her life's story was an inspiration to many friends and patients and a testament to the power of resilience and perseverance. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, December 17 @ 2 pm at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Pt. Blvd, Skokie IL. Gifts in Dr. Pollitt's memory can be made to CJE- Holocaust Community Services, 3003 Touhy Ave. Chicago, IL 60645 or Northshore Hospice, 1401Searle Pkwy, Skokie, IL 60076

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Prasse, Michael L. 'Mike'

Michael L. "Mike" Prasse, age 55, a lifelong resident of Naperville, IL, passed away on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at home with his family by his side. He was born August 13, 1964 in Naperville. Beloved husband of 27 years to Mary Carole Prasse (nee Feldman), whom he married October 24, 1992 at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Naperville, loving father of Sidney Ann, Christen Mary, Michael Erwin and Clara Louise Prasse, devoted son of Norma L. (nee Hartlaub) and the late Erwin T. "Erv" Prasse, dear brother of Erv (Jan) Prasse, Nina (Larry) Wessels, Greg (Hope) Prasse, Gretchen (Larry) Losurdo, Chris (Sue) Prasse, Joanne (Greg) Ackard, Jerry Prasse, Bernie (Tim) Hill and Meg Prasse, son-in-law of Joseph S. and the late Mary Ellen "Lal" (nee Robin) Feldman, brother-in-law of Joe (Debbie) Feldman, Margaret (Bruce) Moore, Colleen (Scott) Ernsting, Michaeline (Lee) Barnes and Tim Feldman, fond nephew, cousin, uncle, great-uncle and friend of many.

Mike grew up in downtown Naperville at 39 Forest Avenue - the last of ten brothers and sisters. He attended SS. Peter & Paul School, was a 1982 graduate of Naperville North High School, and a 1987 graduate of Western Illinois University in Macomb. Growing up, Mike loved the game of basketball, a love that carried over to adulthood as he taught and coached all four of his kids to love the game and spent two decades actively involved in youth and high school basketball. A carpenter by trade, Mike's career encompassed residential carpentry with Benson Builders, union carpentry with Deetch Concrete and Wil-Fred's Construction, before launching his own Prasse Enterprise custom carpentry business in 1999. His remodeling work was second to none. While basketball and carpentry were Mike's passions, his true love was family. The youngest of ten and marrying Mary Carole, who was one of six, Mike loved to be surrounded by family. Whether it was hosting the Prasse family annual picnic each summer or building the infamous "Uncle Mike" slip and slide in Montello, WI. Mike has created a lifetime of fun family memories for so many. Most of all, Mike cherished his time laughing and enjoying life with his wife and children.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 2:00-9:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville.** Services will begin Thursday, December 12, 10:30 AM from the funeral home and will proceed to an 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at SS. Peter & Paul Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville with Fr. Mark Bernhard officiating. Interment: SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mike's memory may be made to: SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School, to be used for tuition assistance, 201 E. Franklin Ave., Naperville, IL 60540, (630) 355-0113, <https://www.sspeterandpaulschool.com/> or Naperville Responds for Our Veterans, 210 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540, (331) 684-7899, nrfov.org For more information, please call (630) 355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

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Schermerhorn, Howard E.

Howard E. Schermerhorn, 62, beloved husband of Grace nee Schwartz for 35 years; loving brother of Wayne D. (Suzanne) and the late Rev. Bernard L., Rev. Donald D. and Glenn H. Schermerhorn; dear brother-in-law of Debra (Dennis) Keiffer and the late Harry and Bertha Schwartz; fond uncle of Tracy and Patrick Keiffer and many other loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Proud member of multiple Masonic organizations. Chapel service, Thursday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Randolph Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Children's Dyslexia Center of Metropolitan Chicago (www.chicagodyslexia.org) or The Humanitarian Foundation, Grottoes of North America (www.hf-grotto.org). For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Simon, Helen Lasin

Helen Lasin Simon, Age 77, passed away on December 8, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Jonathan for 45 years. Loving mother of Robert (Sue), Sharon, and the late David Nathan. Cherished Bubbe of Carolyn Belle and David Chester. Much loved sister of Gerald (Adrienne) and Arthur (Nancy Carson). Fond sister in law of the late Nancy Gelman. Dear sister in law to Charlotte (Louis) Orkin, Morty (Carol Oppenheimer) and Naomi (Jeff) Karlin. Devoted aunt to many nieces and nephews and treasured friend to countless. Helen's profound love and dedication to her friends and family will never fade. Her spirit, smile and laughter was felt by all. Chapel Service Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 12:15PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** 1700 W. Rand Rd. Arlington Heights, IL. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the David N. Simon Scholarship Fund www.campaign.Bradley.edu/campaign/simon or Office of Advancement Gift Records Bradley University 1501 W Bradley Ave. Peoria, IL 61625, please list David N. Simon Scholarship Fund in the notes section. Information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Thomas, Linda J.

Linda J. Thomas, age 69, of LaGrange, IL, born in Indianapolis, IN. Beloved wife of the late John Wayne Thomas for a wonderful 42 years. Loving mother of Joanna and Brian Thomas. Devoted grandmother of Teagan Foster, Andrew and Alexander Cudiamat. Dear second mom to Denise (Mark) Cudiamat and Jennifer (Joe) Jackolin. Fond aunt and friend of many. Preceded in death by her parents Roscoe and Gladys and her brother Kenneth (Carol) Utter. Linda was a longtime teacher's aide for the Alternative Program at Lyons Township High School. Visitation 3 to 9pm Wednesday, December 11th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Family and friends are invited to meet directly at Cox Cemetery, Thorntown, IN 46071 for inurnment on Saturday, December 14th at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Stroke Foundation. For further info: 708-352-6500 or HJfunerals.com

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Westbrook, Terry

Terry Westbrook, age 73, of Winnetka. Beloved husband of Victoria Nelson, nee Stephan. Loving father of David (Maria Lind) Westbrook, Matthew (Laura Perry) Westbrook and stepfather of Christopher Nelson (Mary Kidney) and Paul Nelson. Dear grandpa of Warren, Joseph, Frances, Jack, Isabel and Henry. Kind brother of Judy (Larry Meyers) Westbrook Meyers. Terry was a devoted Michigan Football fan. Funeral Service Thursday, December 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, Illinois 60077 with a Celebration of Life following at 12:00 p.m. at Exmoor Country Club, 700 Vine Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois 60035. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kellogg Cancer Center, 2650 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com (847)675-1990.

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Wynne, Joseph

Joseph Wynne, age 84, Native Co. Kerry, Ireland; long-time resident of Elmhurst, Lombard and Lake Geneva, WI; Army Veteran; beloved husband of Margaret, nee McMahon; loving father of Joseph, James, Margie (Thomas) Michael, Theresa (Kevin) Brown and the late Richard (Patricia) and Mary Ellen (Ed) Igielski; proud grandfather of Thomas, Eileen, Joseph, Katy, Molly, Kevin, Connor, Mary Margaret, Samantha, Bridget, Thomas, James, Patrick and Elizabeth; dear brother of Pierce, Christopher, Nora, Patrick, James and Richard; fond uncle and cousin of many. Visitation Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary of Providence School, 4200 North Austin Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634 or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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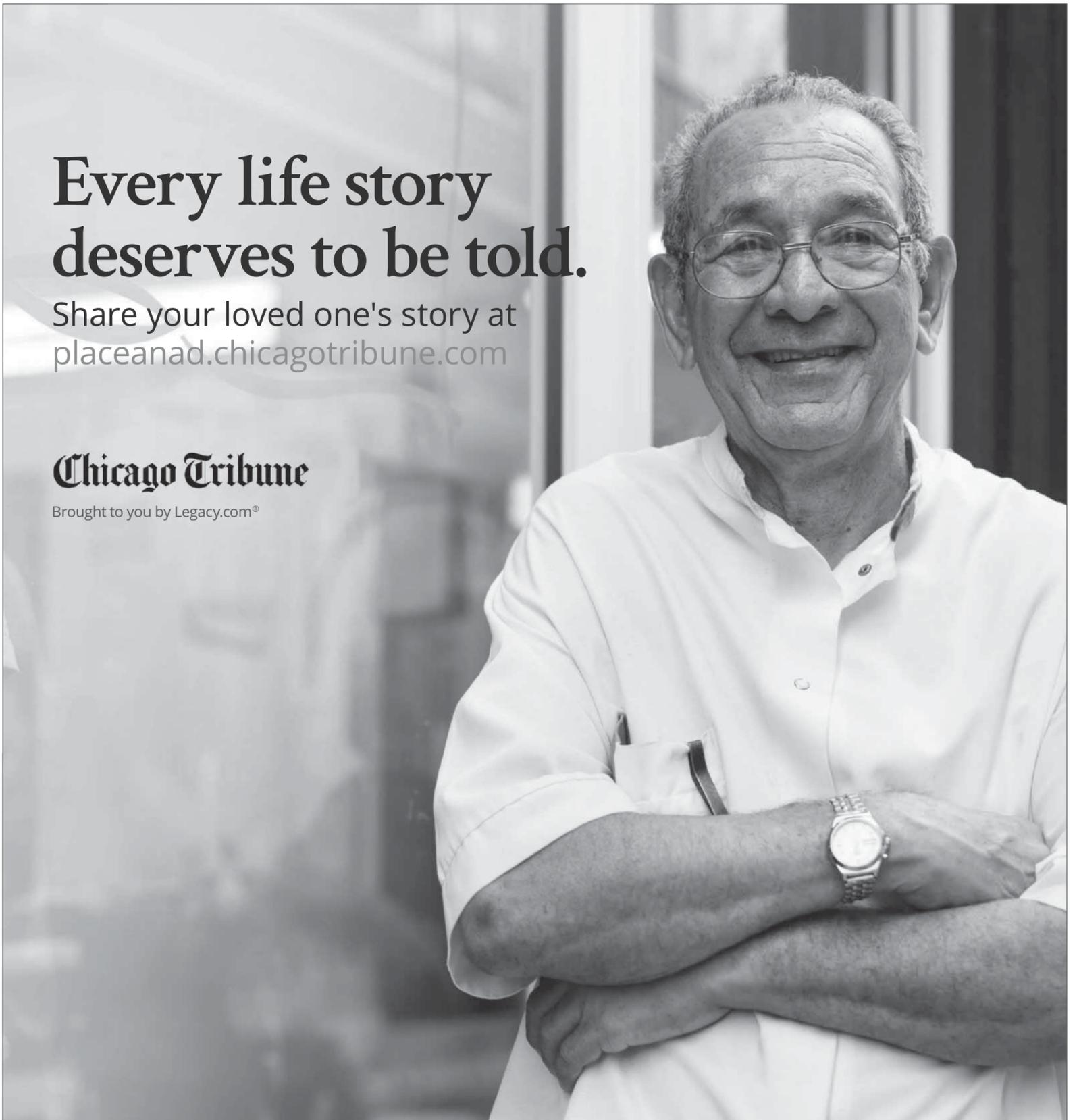


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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE Marion Superior Court) SS.)
 COUNTY OF Marion) CAUSE NUMBER: 49D09-1910-JC-002635
 IN THE MATTER OF:)
 CRT (162745) - DOB 5/25/2015 AGE 4 years)
 A Child ALLEGED TO BE)
 A Child IN NEED OF SERVICES)
 AND)
 Cory Rochelle Taylor (Mother))
 Daniel Driver (Father) AND)
 ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS)
 TO:)
 Daniel Driver and)
 Any Unknown Alleged Father)
 Whereabouts unknown)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Marion Superior Court, 2451 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218, 317-327-8318 for a(n) Default Hearing on 1/27/2020 at 1:30 PM in JUVENILE COURT ROOM 04 ANNEX At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default, may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

Mrs. A. Elmidge
 Ordered, Myla Eldridge
 Clerk of said Court, this 11/14/19
 Claire Cascio, 33849-49
 Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
 4150 North Keystone Avenue
 Indianapolis, IN
 Fax: 317-232-1816

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Makaylah Ball

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Shodreka Hibbler (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01219

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Maurice Brown (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 25, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Bernard Sarley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/31/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 November 21, 2019 6536532

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Miracle Lindsey

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Valencia Lindsey (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01202

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 November 4, 2019 6516718



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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust as Successor to First Bank National Association, as Trustee U/T/a dated November 20, 1965 and known as Trust No. 159, Charles Romano, Linda Romano, NAB 75346 1, Occupant, Old Second National Bank successor in interest to Austin Bank of Chicago, and Old Second National Bank successor in interest to Austin Bank of Chicago; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004582 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 3, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0001465 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1374 OAKTON ST, Des Plaines, IL 60018 Legal Description or Property Index No. 09-20-416-009-000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: November 20, 2019, 10, 11/2019 652718

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TO: OCCUPANT; PARKWAY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 01/25/1977 A/K/A TRUST NO. 3755; OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN; SCOTT ANDERSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGAL OR NEXT OF KIN; ANDERSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003284 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0006365 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4956-58 N. KIMBALL, UNIT PU-13, CHICAGO, IL 60625 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-11-419-030-1013 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530730

TO: OCCUPANT; RICHARD LAVERGNE; KIMBALL ARMS PARKING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; WESTWARD360 INC; DITECH FINANCIAL LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003285 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0006365 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4956-58 N. KIMBALL, UNIT PU-13, CHICAGO, IL 60625 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-11-419-030-1013 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 652718

TO: OCCUPANT; JOAN VALLEAU; LAWRENCE ANDERSON; City of Chicago; FIFTH THIRD BANK BD ANDERSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003287 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0006461 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5423 W WILSON AVE CHICAGO, IL 60630 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-115-012-000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530740

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TO: Dariusz Kretowski Edyta Kretowski Occupant, 3931 N. Newland Ave., Chicago, IL 60634 TCF National Bank Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004500 FILED November 18, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: July 20, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0006617 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2012-2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number. /N/A Warrant No. /N/A Inst. No. /N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3931 North Newland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-19-108-017-006 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Fair Deal of Illinois, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee. Dated November 18, 2019. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 30 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1710 Chicago, IL 60606 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6522476

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TO: OCCUPANT; PARKWAY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 01/25/1977 A/K/A TRUST NO. 3755; OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN; SCOTT ANDERSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGAL OR NEXT OF KIN; ANDERSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003284 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0006365 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3545 N ODELL AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60634 Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-24-405-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530720

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TO: OCCUPANT; ARBIND KUMAR C. PATEL; BAKULA PATEL; URVISHKUMAR PATEL A/K/A URVISH KUMAR; UTSAVI PATEL; ARBIND PATEL; BAKULA PATEL; URVISHKUMAR PATEL A/K/A URVISH KUMAR; UTSAVI PATEL; 4826 NORTH KENMORE CONDOMINIUM A/K/A 4826 KENMORE CONDOMINIUM; CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE; US MORTGAGE RESOLUTION LLC; Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; BRYON ZOOK; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003283 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008903 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4826-28 N KENMORE AVE., UNIT #4826-1 CHICAGO, IL 60640 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-08-415-038-1001 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530730

TO: OCCUPANT; JOAN VALLEAU; LAWRENCE ANDERSON; City of Chicago; FIFTH THIRD BANK BD ANDERSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003287 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0006461 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5423 W WILSON AVE CHICAGO, IL 60630 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-115-012-000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530740

TO: OCCUPANT; GINA AULISIO; 2622 N HALSTED CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; OUI CHEF; 2622 N HALSTED CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; OUI CHEF LLC/O LAURA RAGANO; OUI CHEF LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003324 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009031 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2622 N HALSTED ST., UNIT 1, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60614 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-29-407-107-1001 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes

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TO: Magtutu, Inc. c/o Baru Wangombe, Magtutu, Inc. c/o Secretary of State, Magtutu, Inc. c/o Baru Wangombe, City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, Occupant 1st floor, Occupant 2nd floor, and Cook County Land Bank Authority, ; ; County Clerk of Cook County Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above described as Unknown Owners; Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004587 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010642 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1829 S HAMLIN AVE, Chicago, IL 60623 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-23-312-012-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 15, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: November 20, 2019 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6527709

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TO: Rashmi Chauhan, Rishi Singh, Occupant, Bank of America, National Association, Bank of America, N.A., and Park Alexandria Condominium Association c/o LP Agents, LLC; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above described as Unknown Owners; Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004587 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010923 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 125 S JEFFERSON ST, 74, Chicago, IL 60641 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-16-107-037-1337 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 15, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: November 20, 2019 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6527772

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TO: OCCUPANT; ERIC LEUNG; WAIMAN LEUNG; Kovitz, Shifrin Nesbit; BURNHAM STATION II CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION D/B/A BURNHAM STATION II TOWNHOME CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003329 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009786 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 59 W 15TH ST, UNIT F, CHICAGO, IL 60605 60605 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-21-210-138-1014 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6531076

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TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; LOURDES CASAS; City of Chicago; Cook County Clerk; Cook County State's Attorney; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003329 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0007046 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 6745 S CAMPBELL AVE CHICAGO, IL 60629 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-24-404-016-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530863

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TO: OCCUPANT; OZIAS BURNETT; TCF National Bank; FORD CITY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; PARKWAY ELEVATORS, INC.; City of Chicago; LETHEL FRANKLIN; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; FORD CITY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003296 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0007954 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4200 W FORD CITY DR., UNIT #B2-101 CHICAGO, IL 60652 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-27-401-038-1178 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530879

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TO: OCCUPANT; 5708 S CLAUMETT LLC - HOME BUYERS.COM, LLC A/K/A 5708 S CALUMET LLC - HOME BUYERS.COM, LLC; ABDESSALAM ROUSSI A/K/A ABDESSALAM ROUSSI; GLOBAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT LLC; CHICAGO INV. II COMPANY A/K/A CHICAGO INV. II COMPANY; THE OAKLAND LLC; JOAN IDEAS; HOME BUYERS.COM LLC; HOME BUYERS.COM LLC A/K/A HOMEBUYER.COM LLC; City of Chicago; 8415 S MARYLAND LLC; HOMEBUYER.COM LLC; COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY; Cook County Clerk; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003242 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0004814 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5708 S CALUMET AVE CHICAGO, IL 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-15-117-029-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6529394

TO: Fernando Alvarado, Fernando Alvarado, Occupant 1st floor, Occupant 2nd floor, City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago - Department of Water, City of Chicago - City Clerk, and Fernando Alvarado; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above described as Unknown Owners; Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004589 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: May 8, 2019 Certificate No. 17-0011657 Sold for General Taxes of 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 15, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: November 20, 2019 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6527804

TO: MICHAEL MULLARKEY; 235 W VAN BUREN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; SUDLER AND SUDLER D/B/A SUDLER PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT, INC.; OCCUPANT; 235 VAN BUREN CORP; 235 VAN BUREN CORPORATION, AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003328 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009554 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 235 W VAN BUREN ST, UNIT P237, CHICAGO, IL 60607 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-16-238-028-2207 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6531065

TO: OCCUPANT; KENNETH WOODARD; 3816 SOUTH KING DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Village of Dolton; City of Chicago; THOMAS PARKS; PAUL JOHNSON; 4357 S CALUMET CONDOMINIUM; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003330 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009760 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3816 S KING DRIVE, UNIT #1 CHICAGO, IL 60653 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-34-327-047-1001 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6531095

TO: OCCUPANT; COMMITTED CHRISTIAN CONSTRUCTION INC./O JAMES SIMMONS; POPULAR REAL ESTATE, INC.; City of Chicago; FORD CITY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; VERA JACKSON; COMMITTED CHRISTIAN CONSTRUCTION INC. AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003294 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0007061 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7216 S ARTESIAN AVE CHICAGO, IL 60629 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-25-214-025-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530868

TO: OCCUPANT; ANANIAS GRAINGER A/K/A ANANIAS GRAINGER, City of Chicago; DARRYL WASHINGTON; STEVE PERRY; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; ANANIAS GRAINGER; OCCUPANT JOHN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003239 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0004553 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 833 E OAKWOOD BLVD CHICAGO, IL 60653 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-02-102-057-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6529390

TO: OCCUPANT; JOANN WASHINGTON-FLOWERS; CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE CORPORATION OF AMERICA; MICHIGAN-607 STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; LATIKE BOOKER; DONALD DAWSON; MARCUS ANDERSON; COMMONS MANAGEMENT; MICHIGAN 607 ST. MGMT.; SABRE INVESTMENTS, LLC AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003243 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0004829 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 6009 S MICHIGAN AVE., UNIT #6009-3 CHICAGO, IL 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-15-308-017-1034 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6529480

TO: 443 North Racine, L.L.C. c/o Stewart Kuser, 443 North Racine, L.L.C. c/o Secretary of State, City of Chicago - City Clerk, Occupant, and The 1162 West Hubbard Condominium Association c/o Barrett Kallala; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above described as Unknown Owners; Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004586 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010880 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1162 W HUBBARD ST, P-17A, Chicago, IL 60642 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-08-246-029-1034 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 15, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: November 20, 2019 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6527673

TO: Matthew McCue, Kimberly McCue, Occupant, at One South Leavitt and Condominium Association, NFP c/o Randy Sotelo; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004588 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010944 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1 S LEAVITT ST, P-32, CHICAGO, IL 60612 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-18-027-057-1066 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 15, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: November 20, 2019 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6527711

TO: Maria Filas Cedar Row Condominium No. 16 Assoc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State Magdalena Sotelo Andrezlj T. Filas Occupant, 7328 West 85th Place, Unit 2A, Bridgeway, LLC, 6455 Chicago Title Land Trust Company, Trust Deed #815753 dated 11.22.1999 R/C T Corporation System Chicago Title Land Trust Company, Trust Deed #815753 dated 11.22.1999 Jozef Szcerba Anna Szcerba Magdalena Sotelo Andrezlj T. Filas Occupant, County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy; actual possessors of said property; unknown owners or persons interested in said land or lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004499 FILED November 18, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: May 20, 2017 Certificate No. 17S-0002321 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2008-2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number. N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7328 85TH PLACE, UNIT 2A, BRIDGEVIEW, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 18-36-403-068-1003 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated November 18, 2019. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 30 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1710 Chicago, IL 60606 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6522481

TO: OCCUPANT; AMANDA NAVARRO; FORD CITY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; PARKWAY ELEVATORS, INC.; BMO Harris Bank, N.A.; City of Chicago; FORD CITY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDRE CATCHINGS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003295 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0007990 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4300 W FORD CITY DR., UNIT #A-1201 CHICAGO, IL 60652 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-27-401-038-1171 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530874

TO: OCCUPANT; SALTA GROUP INC.; SALTA GROUP, INC.; COURTYARD IN FORD CITY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Kovitz, Shifrin Nesbit; City of Chicago; Village of South Holland; ROMAN KOWALCZYK; WIOLETTA KOWALCZYK; 4939 DORCHESTER CONDOMINIUM - HAMPTON COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Town of Chicago; CONDOMINIUM MANAGERS AGA 8002371819; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2019COTD003297 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0007103 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4219 W 76TH ST., UNIT #G-15 CHICAGO, IL 60632 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-27-401-058-1039 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been

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BEARS Ruh-Ro: Smith done for the season

Torn pectoral muscle punches gigantic hole in defensive alignment

BY COLLEEN KANE

Bears inside linebacker Roquan Smith's second season had been on the upswing when he left Thursday's victory over the Cowboys with a pectoral injury.

The 2018 first-round pick overcame a personal issue and a midseason slump to put together some of his best football over the last few weeks, including a Thanksgiving performance against the Lions in which he



3 DOWN, 3 (AND SOME HELP) TO GO

Bears' likeliest path to the playoffs

- Win their final three games (@Packers, Chiefs, @Vikings).
- Vikings lose one of their next two (@Chargers, Packers).
- Rams lose two of their final three (@Cowboys, @49ers, Cardinals).

If the Bears win out, playoffstatus.com gives them a 31% chance of getting the help they need to reach the playoffs, down from 58% before Sunday's results

recorded 16 tackles and two sacks.

Now Smith must tackle another challenge — rehabbing from a torn pectoral muscle that will land him on season-ending injured reserve, coach Matt Nagy announced Monday at Halas Hall.

"I really thought you felt him, especially here in the last several

games, really turning it on, really playing fast," Nagy said. "We had some things throughout the year that for everybody have been a challenge, but he's battled through that and I like where he's at. It's unfortunate that it ended like that."

Nagy hasn't said on which play

Smith was injured. He tackled Ezekiel Elliott on a 4-yard run with 11:14 to play in the first quarter, and his left arm was hit as he tumbled to the ground. He played the rest of the drive, also going to the ground with Elliott on his 2-yard touchdown run.

Smith will need surgery to

repair the injury, and Nagy said he didn't know if Smith would be back for OTAs in May and June.

"You hope you can get him so that he can really get back on track in the offseason and get rolling," Nagy said.

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Reinsdorf's and Ricketts' spending patterns are headed in opposite directions

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

SAN DIEGO — Jerry Reinsdorf and Tom Ricketts could be the George Steinbrenners of modern baseball if they wanted.

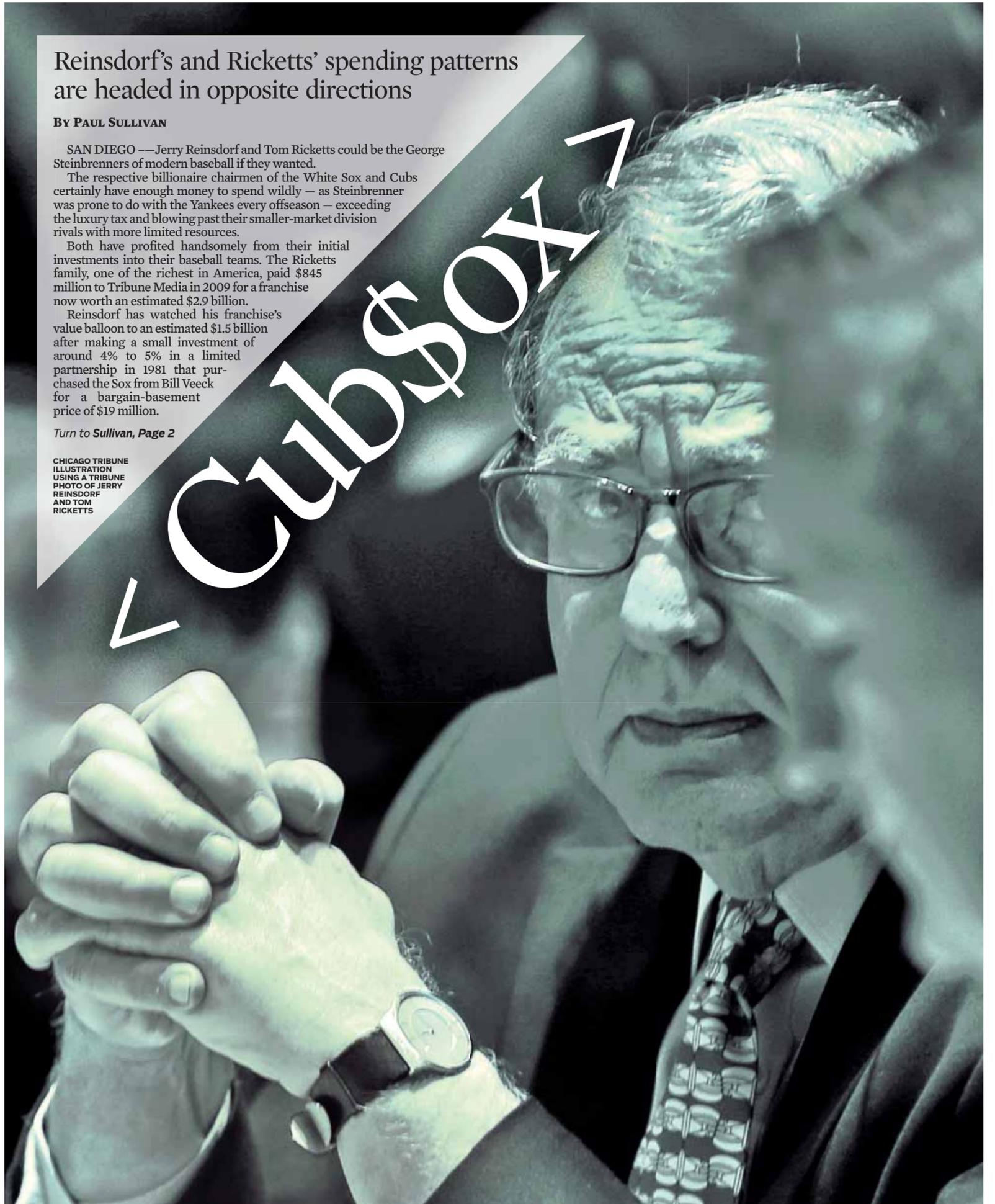
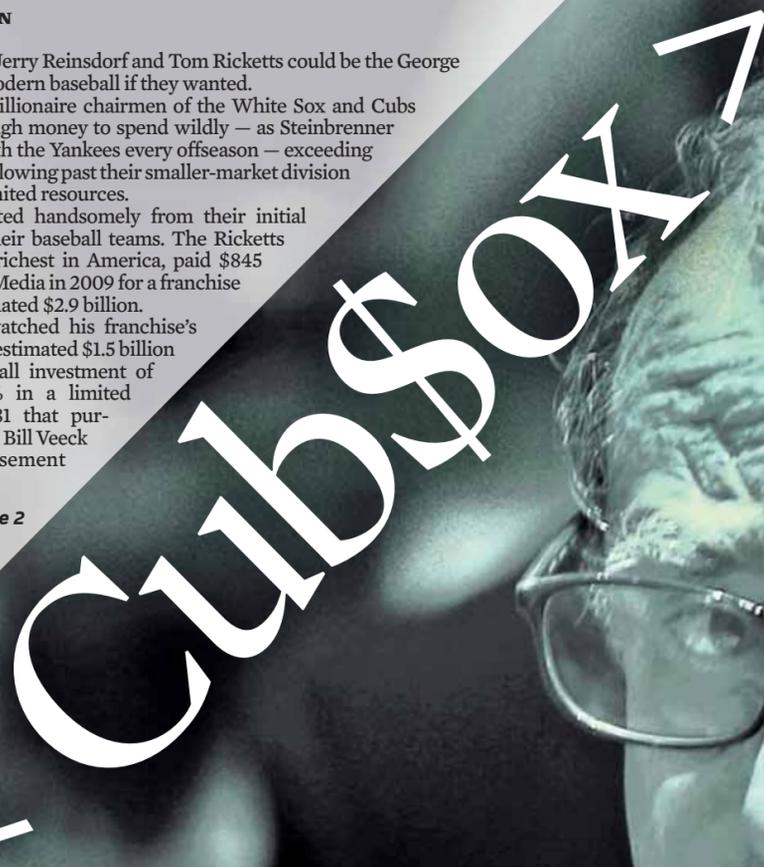
The respective billionaire chairmen of the White Sox and Cubs certainly have enough money to spend wildly — as Steinbrenner was prone to do with the Yankees every offseason — exceeding the luxury tax and blowing past their smaller-market division rivals with more limited resources.

Both have profited handsomely from their initial investments into their baseball teams. The Ricketts family, one of the richest in America, paid \$845 million to Tribune Media in 2009 for a franchise now worth an estimated \$2.9 billion.

Reinsdorf has watched his franchise's value balloon to an estimated \$1.5 billion after making a small investment of around 4% to 5% in a limited partnership in 1981 that purchased the Sox from Bill Veeck for a bargain-basement price of \$19 million.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION USING A TRIBUNE PHOTO OF JERRY REINSDORF AND TOM RICKETTS



RAPTORS 93, BULLS 92

'He's ready for it': Rookie White will shift to 2nd-unit point guard

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Coby White's game against the Heat was the real deal.

White has played floor general for isolated stretches during his rookie season, but Bulls coach Jim Boylen made it official: With Kris Dunn pressed into starting at small forward while Otto Porter

Jr. and Chandler Hutchison recuperate from injuries, White becomes the second unit's "lead guard."

"I think it's a good time for it," Boylen said. "I think it fits. He's ready for it. I think he's played enough games now he knows how the game what's important."



White

works;

White, who played Monday against the Raptors despite hamstring stiffness, had a career-high eight assists in 32 minutes Sunday against the Heat.

He also scored 11 points and made 3 of 7 shots from 3-point range, so Dunn didn't sacrifice his shot. "I thought he made good plays," Boylen said.

White is averaging 12.4 points, 2.3 assists and 1.4 turnovers per game. He played point guard at North Carolina and in high school, but he said he's thankful Boylen didn't "just throw me out there to the wolves" and asking him to take on point-guard responsibilities from Day 1.

"I guess I look more comfortable out there on the court from

when I went out there early in the season," White said. "I'm starting to come into my own. Last game, I think I did a good job of getting my teammates involved. Just try to be more of a complete player. I've already shown I can play off the ball. Now I'm starting to play more on the ball."

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Don't limit the Frick Award

Barring an unexpected spasm of common sense, one name — and one name only — will be announced Wednesday as winner of the Baseball Hall of Fame's 2020 Ford C. Frick Award.

This is just one of the nagging idiosyncracies of the sport's highest honor for a broadcaster.

There are several complaints to be lodged, but this is where to start when looking at the honor, which is determined by a panel of 11 past winners and four journalists/historians.

When the Frick was introduced in 1978, it was awarded to Red Barber and Mel Allen. But for no good reason, there has been a single honoree annually after that.

The number of finalists has varied over the years — this year it's eight, including Cubs radio voice Pat Hughes and retired White Sox announcer Ken "Hawk" Harrelson — but heaven forbid the Hall pay tribute to two or three broadcasters at a time.

Somewhere between Year 1 and Year 2, somebody decided it was a bad idea to recognize more than one person at a time, no matter their contributions to the game.

So a backlog developed of qualified candidates from the beginning of broadcasting ballgames, which dates to 1921.

The Hall further complicated matters a few years back when it established a three-year rotation for groups of announcers it will consider.

A local team announcer of relatively recent vintage gets picked one year, a national announcer the next and a historical figure the year after that.

Graham McNamee, a pioneering broadcaster who died in 1942, won last year.

Bob Costas got the Frick the year before that out of a field of national announcers that included Al Michaels, Don Drysdale, Dizzy Dean, Buddy Blattner, Pee Wee Reese, Joe Morgan and Joe Buck.

That some of those national announcers also spent substantial time as local announcers, too, apparently mattered little.

In any case, assuming stupid tradition leaves seven candidates bypassed for the 2020 Frick, these local team announcers who have dedicated decades to nurturing, feeding and strengthening the tie between fans and baseball won't be considered again until 2023.

Or 2026.
Or 2029.



Ken "Hawk" Harrelson, up for the Ford C. Frick Award again, waves to Sox fans in 2018.

Or beyond, until they're deemed historical figures and get to wait through a different cycle.

That, of course, assumes they'll be finalists each time they're eligible, which, with new worthy candidates distinguishing themselves over time, is anything but a sure thing.

Giants broadcaster and former Cubs pitcher Mike Krukow and Mets announcer Gary Cohen were finalists in 2017, when the late Athletics voice Bill King was tapped, but didn't get the call this time around.

What about their lifetime body of work declined? For that matter, what made Mike Shannon, a finalist now after 48 years on Cardinals broadcasts, suddenly a better bet?

Harrelson, 78, is up for the fourth time this year, having been a finalist for the 2007 award but not again until 2014 and 2017.

Hughes, 64, was a 2017 finalist and again is in contention, but nothing is certain for future years except that he'll be just as deserving as he is today.

Longtime Red Sox announcer Ned Martin is up again for the award. He died 17 years ago, which is a pity because the Frick seems like the sort of thing a winner should be able to glory in.

Once the backlog of deserving announcers has cleared, maybe the Hall can see fit to broaden the honorees beyond announcers to include consideration of people such as Edgar J. Scherick, the ABC executive who created the network's "Game of the

Week." Or NBC's Harry Coyle and WGN-9's Arne Harris, whose vision gave us the camera angles and approach to the game that became the template for how we watch baseball to this day.

But beyond even that is the question of why broadcasters are relegated to just an award and are — as sticklers always point out — not actual Hall of Famers.

It is broadcasters, after all, who usher people into the game. Fans become fans through radio and TV and the men and women who bring the games home.

Why should they not receive the same consideration for the Hall of Fame as owners and executives?

Former Commissioner Bowie Kuhn is a Hall of Famer, yet Vin Scully isn't? On what planet does this make sense.

Scully was the voice of the Dodgers for 67 seasons — 67! — and NBC's lead baseball announcer from 1983 to '89. No one has sold baseball longer or better. No one has been a better tutor or ambassador.

Essentially, though, that's the role of all announcers.

It's what past Frick winners such as Harry Caray, Jack Brickhouse and Bob Elson did.

It's what Hughes will do again this spring, opening his 25th season as Cubs radio voice and 37th season in the majors. And it's what Harrelson did as a Sox announcer for 33 of his 42 years as an MLB broadcaster until his retirement last year.

LET'S PLAY 2

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ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

With two tight ends from Ivy League schools playing at an NFL level (Ben Braunecker from Harvard and Jesper Horsted from Princeton), has the Bears scouting department found a formula here?

Kamal T.

I'm not sure if the Bears are on to something or the NFL is. On kickoff weekend, there were 22 Ivy League players on 53-man rosters and practice squads across the league. Of those 22, eight were tight ends, including Braunecker and Horsted. The most well-known is the Buccaneers' Cameron Brate, a Naperville Central product from Harvard who has 25 career touchdowns. Interestingly, Horsted is one of three players from last fall's Princeton team playing tight end.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 No longer wild
 - 5 Bundles of hay
 - 10 Fragile edibles
 - 14 Become dizzy
 - 15 "___ a dream..." (MLK)
 - 16 Webster or Wyle
 - 17 Martial ___; karate, judo, etc.
 - 18 Behead
 - 20 Taro root paste
 - 21 June 6, 1944
 - 22 Tried the patience of
 - 23 Healed
 - 25 Simple card game
 - 26 Poor person
 - 28 Linear measures
 - 31 Give permission to
 - 32 Layered rock
 - 34 Have a meal
 - 36 Lunchtime
 - 37 Brief period of time
 - 38 Sandwich shop
 - 39 Wildebeest
 - 40 Owner/tenant contract
 - 41 Frazier or Ali
 - 42 Bodyguard, e.g.
 - 44 Polite person's word
 - 45 Hit a tennis ball high
 - 46 Deep cleft; gorge
 - 47 Loafers & others
 - 50 Daub of liquid
- DOWN**
- 1 Ensnare
 - 2 Prefix for plane or space
 - 3 Fastidious
 - 4 Ernie with a club
 - 5 Auction participant
 - 6 In the lead, so far
 - 7 Like a mantilla
 - 8 Zsa Zsa's sis
 - 9 Ninth month; abbr.
 - 10 Complete
 - 11 Intention
 - 12 CA's Golden ___ Bridge
 - 13 Small outbuilding
 - 14 Bodyguard, e.g.
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 - 24 Come ___; find high
 - 25 Water source
 - 26 Hunger pain
 - 27 Without companions

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30 Business deals
32 Squabble
33 "For ___ a jolly good fellow..."
35 Flat ___; driver's woe
37 One from Belgrade
38 Forest femmes
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43 Priests, rabbis & others

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47 ___ machine; casino attraction
48 Submarine sandwich
49 ___ house; realtor's event
50 Forbids
52 Waterproof covering
53 Light on one's feet
55 MA's Cape ___
56 Paint selection
57 That woman

Sullivan

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One thing Cubs and Sox fans can agree on is both franchises know how to make money, even if we don't always appreciate their spending patterns.

As the winter meetings got underway Monday in San Diego, the bosses of Chicago's two clubs once again find themselves at a crossroads.

Is the future now, or can it wait a while longer?

Reinsdorf's Sox are suddenly vaulting into spending mode after tanking the last three seasons while their prospects gained experience, while Ricketts' Cubs are seemingly in cost-cutting mode after exceeding the luxury tax in 2019 and winding up with a disappointing third-place team.

Both Reinsdorf and Ricketts have come full circle since the last winter meetings here in 2014, when the Cubs were coming out of hibernation and throwing serious money around for the first time in the Ricketts era and the Sox were in the final throes of their annual band-aid approach to roster building that finally led to a full-scale rebuild after 2016.

Neither chairman will grace the Chicago media with his thoughts, though that doesn't mean they have nothing interesting to say.

Reinsdorf told MLB Network's Jon Heyman on Monday that he facetiously asked general manager Rick Hahn if he was "having a senior moment" after a reported conversation about signing free-agent outfielder Marcell Ozuna. Hahn assured Reinsdorf he was not, denying the rumored conversation took place.

That Reinsdorf can joke about his mental capacity at age 83 suggests he still has a sense of humor, which one probably needs after watching the rebuilding Sox and Bulls the last few seasons. Six years ago he told the Tribune he planned to own the Sox until "I don't wake up or have no idea who Harold Baines is."

Some of us are reluctant to concede we're growing old and forgetful, but Hahn told USA Today that Reinsdorf has "more than one conversation" every week where he "reminds us how old he is and wondering how much longer he has to wait to get to the promised land."

Reinsdorf presumably was referring to winning the World Series, not entering heaven. Clearly he wants to enjoy another Sox championship while he's still healthy, wealthy and alive, so the newfound spending habits make perfect sense.

On the other side of town, Ricketts shocked Cubs fans recently when he spoke about the Wrigley Field renovations with Sports Business Journal, admitting "we probably missed our budget by 100%." That translates to about \$600 million over the original budget.

It was an amazing admission of budgetary ineptitude, especially considering president of business operations Crane



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts is in a tough spot between rebuilding and reloading.

Kenney remains gainfully employed by Ricketts while the Cubs got rid of the team's yoga instructor.

Whether that stunning lack of financial planning plays into the expected roster changes on the North Side is pure conjecture, though president of baseball operations Theo Epstein pointed out those cost overruns occurred during a period of unparalleled success for the Cubs.

"The relevant years for (Ricketts') statement, which I'm just hearing now, we spent a lot of money on players and won a World Series and developed a whole wave of talent," Epstein said Monday. "So it hasn't gotten in the way of winning, and we don't expect it to."

Maybe it didn't affect the past, but the buzz at the winter meetings is Epstein will be downsizing payroll to sacrifice a couple of years for another extended postseason run down the road.

If players such as Kris Bryant, Willson Contreras and Kyle Schwarber are dealt, one agent predicted, the Cubs will expect multiple prospects in return instead of major-league-ready talent that can step in and keep the team in contention next year.

That might not make sense for an organization that is starting its own TV network in 2020 and has a vested interest in giving new manager David Ross a chance to succeed, so you can take that with a mouthful of salt, as Epstein might say.

Epstein insisted the Cubs intend on contending in 2020 and have enough talent even if there are significant roster changes. "At the same time, we can't just pretend we can keep putting off making some important decisions for the future," he said. "If there is the opportunity to strike and help ensure a better future, we have to do that."

"But we also have to be very mindful of what's on our roster right now and how we can complement it and put ourselves in the best possible position for 2020. Both things are important."

But which avenue is more important is a question only Ricketts can answer.

BASEBALL



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CUBS

Stuck at crossroads

Cubs confident they'll win Bryant's grievance case, but major moves on hold

BY MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — An arbitrator is holding the keys to the Cubs' offseason longer than anyone anticipated, but team President Theo Epstein remains encouraged a decision on Kris Bryant's grievance against the Cubs eventually will favor the team.

Such a verdict would allow them to address several needs.

"I think we're fairly confident in what the outcome is going to be," Epstein said Monday night in response to Bryant's grievance, filed on behalf of the Major League Baseball Players Association. The grievance alleges the Cubs manipulated the start of Bryant's service-time clock by sending him to Triple-A Iowa after spring training in 2015 before bringing him up to the majors on April 17 after the Cubs had played eight games.

"But the timing, I guess, is a bit frustrating," Epstein said. "It would be nice to know. We're at this point in the winter meetings and there hasn't been a ruling. And I understand these things take time. I think certainly it's not going to be more than a couple weeks away. It would be nice to have that final confirmation. But I think we're operating with what I think is our understanding of what the likely outcome will be moving forward."

The grievance, filed in October, could determine whether Bryant can become a free agent after the 2020 season, which would affect his trade value should the Cubs decide to go that route.

The Cubs believe they will have two more seasons before free agency arrives for Bryant, who is scheduled to earn about \$18.5 million in salary arbitration. The Cubs seek starting pitching, relief pitching and center-field and second-base upgrades. Moving Bryant's salary would give them financial flexibility to upgrade through free agency or receive top prospects in any deal for Bryant, who was the National League Rookie of the Year in 2015 and its MVP in 2016, when the Cubs won the World Series.

The Braves, who will need a third baseman if free agent Josh Donaldson doesn't re-sign, could be a fit because of their plethora of prospects. The Rangers are another possibility if they don't sign free agent Anthony Rendon.

But the longer Bryant's grievance case goes on, the less likely the Cubs are to make a significant move.



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Theo Epstein, above, is waiting for decision on a grievance filed by Kris Bryant, top.

"Activity is certainly picking up, but we're not close to anything," Epstein said from his suite as the first day of the winter meetings concluded.

Epstein is eager to make a move as the Cubs try to field a team that will return to the playoffs after missing the postseason in 2019 for the first time since 2014. The team also is looking to acquire the kind of young talent that can provide sustained success.

"We have our work cut out for us," Epstein said. "We're at an important time. We're trying to serve a lot of varied interests, and it will be interesting to see where it goes, not even knowing where it's going."

"It's an offseason we have to be patient in a lot of ways."

Multiple agents noted the Cubs haven't engaged deeply in conversations with their clients and suspect they need to trade some salaries before accelerating talks. Epstein understands the Cubs' payroll, in which they have 12 players signed for about \$139 million, "is a big narrative out there."

"For us, we'll address it when it's done," Epstein said. "We're in the early stages of the offseason."

Epstein added the Ricketts family that owns the franchise is "in it to win" while remaining committed to fielding competitive teams for several generations.

Five years after the Cubs signed left-hander Jon Lester to a six-year, \$155 million contract, Epstein felt thankful that signing Yu Darvish to a six-year, \$126 million contract two years ago seems like a bargain. On Monday, the Nationals re-signed Stephen Strasburg for seven years and \$245 million, and Gerrit Cole is expected to exceed those numbers.

"You couldn't get a guy like Darvish on that kind of number now, let alone what's left on his deal (four years, \$81 million)," Epstein said. "He's a real asset for us."

Ross fills out staff: Evans will direct data, development

BY MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — The Cubs finalized their 2020 coaching staff Monday by appointing Kyle Evans as senior director of major-league data and development and shifting Will Venable from first base coach to third base coach.

Venable, the first base coach the last two seasons, moved after the hiring of Craig Driver as first base/catching coach last month.

Manager David Ross' first staff also includes bench coach Andy Green, bullpen coach Chris Young and quality assurance coach Mike Napoli, all of whom the Cubs added last month.

They join pitching coach Tommy Hottovy, hitting coach Anthony Iapoce and assistant hitting coach Terrmel Sledge — all of whom return for their second seasons — and associate pitching, catching and strategy coach Mike Borzello, entering his ninth season on the Cubs staff.

Evans, in his ninth season with the Cubs, most recently served as senior director of player personnel. A former minor-league pitcher in the Indians system, Evans was an advance scout with the Red Sox in 2006-07 and handled various scouting roles before joining the Cubs.

Venable replaces Brian Butterfield, who left to be the Angels third base coach under former Cubs manager Joe Maddon.

Driver joined the Cubs after serving the last two seasons as the Phillies bullpen catcher and receiving coach. The former University of Puget Sound catcher was also the catching coach at Yale for two seasons.

He will lead a catching instruction team that also includes Borzello and former major-league catchers Ross and Napoli.

Green, the former Padres manager, replaces Mark Loretta, and Young replaces Lester Strode.

The Cubs staff also includes returning staff assistants Juan Cabreja and Franklin Font and bullpen catcher Chad Noble.

WHITE SOX

Hahn has sights set on adding starters

Bumgarner, Keuchel, Ryu might be possible options

BY LAMOND POPE

SAN DIEGO — Starting pitching took center stage on the first day of the winter meetings.

Monday began with the Phillies officially announcing their five-year deal with pitcher Zack Wheeler. Another National League East team provided the biggest news of the day as Stephen Strasburg signed a seven-year deal reportedly worth \$245 million to remain with the Nationals.

Starting pitching is a priority for the White Sox this offseason too. They need at least one starter and possibly two.

The Sox were serious contenders in the Wheeler sweepstakes. According to a source, they offered the right-hander a more lucrative five-year contract than the reported \$118 million he received from the Phillies.

"You want to be able to convert on your primary targets," Sox general manager Rick Hahn said Monday. "There's a competitive side to this where you don't like losing."

"At the same time, going back to what we started a few years back, this was never going to be about one player. This was never going to be about one target. This was going to be about building something with enough depth that it was going to allow us to win for an extended period of time."

Where does that leave the Sox?

"If there's an opportunity that makes sense to add someone like that (to slot in near the top of the rotation), we're going to be all over it," Hahn said.

The Yankees, Dodgers and Angels are expected to be the top contenders for the top pitcher on the market, Gerrit Cole. The next tier of free-agent pitchers includes Madison Bumgarner, Dallas Keuchel and Hyun-Jin Ryu. Here's how they stack up.

Madison Bumgarner

Bumgarner, 30, went 9-9 with a 3.90 ERA, 203 strikeouts and 43 walks in 207 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings for the Giants in 2019. It was his seventh season with at least 200 innings pitched.

He is a four-time All-Star and has finished fourth in NL Cy Young Award voting twice (2014 and 2016). He has started at least 30 games in a season seven times, including 34 starts in 2019.

Bumgarner has a career 119-92 record with a 3.13 ERA, 1,794 strikeouts and 428 walks in 1,846 innings.

He's most known for being a postseason workhorse. Bumgarner is 8-3 with a 2.11 ERA in 16 postseason appearances (14 starts). And he has been nearly untouched on the biggest stage, going 4-0 with one save and a 0.25 ERA in 36 innings in the World Series. He was the World Series MVP in 2014.

That type of experience would come in handy for a young Sox pitching staff featuring Lucas Giolito, Dylan Cease and Reynaldo Lopez. Bumgarner has logged a lot of innings, which could be a concern on the back end of a lengthy contract.

Dallas Keuchel

Keuchel, who turns 32 on Jan. 1, went 8-8 with a 3.75 ERA in 19 starts after signing with the Braves on June 7.

He spent his first seven seasons with the Astros and won the American League Cy Young Award in 2015. Keuchel went 20-8 that season with a 2.48 ERA in a career-high 232 innings.

Keuchel is a two-time All-Star (2015 and '17) and has four Gold Gloves (2014-16, '18). He has a career 84-71 record with a 3.67 ERA in 1,302 innings.

Keuchel had a 4.55 ERA to go with a 9-12 record in 2016 but rebounded with a 14-5 mark and 2.90 ERA during the Astros' run to the World Series in 2017.

Speaking of, Keuchel also has plenty of postseason experience, going 4-2 with a 3.47 ERA in 12 games (11 starts).

Keuchel's success in the AL is another plus that can't be overlooked. However, in a small sample size of five starts at Guaranteed Rate Field, Keuchel is 1-3 with a 5.40 ERA (17 earned runs in 28 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings).

Hyun-Jin Ryu

Ryu, who turns 33 in March, went 14-5 in 2019 for the Dodgers and led the NL with a 2.32 ERA. He had a career-high 163 strikeouts and finished second in NL Cy Young Award voting.

Ryu has a 54-33 career record with a 2.98 ERA in 740 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings. He's 3-2 with a 4.05 ERA in eight postseason starts.

Injuries have been the biggest concern. The setbacks include missing the entire 2015 season because of left shoulder surgery.

He does have familiarity with new Sox catcher Yasmani Grandal. The two worked together in 2017-18 with the Dodgers, and Ryu had a 3.02 ERA in those 28 games (143 innings).

Strasburg, Nats OK 7-year, \$245 million deal

BY RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — World Series MVP Stephen Strasburg is returning to Washington with a record contract, and fellow free-agent pitcher Gerrit Cole could be in line for an even larger payday.

Strasburg and the Nationals agreed to a seven-year, \$245 million contract Monday, the first significant announcement at this week's winter meetings.

The 31-year-old right-hander's deal is the

highest for a pitcher in total dollars and average annual value at \$35 million. The largest contract for a pitcher had been David Price's seven-year, \$217 million deal with the Red Sox that began in 2016. The highest average value had been Zack Greinke's \$34.4 million as part of a six-year, \$206.5 million agreement with the Diamondbacks before the 2016 season.

"We would not have won the 2019 World Series or accomplished everything we have these last 10 seasons if not for Stephen's many contributions," Nationals owner

Mark Lerner said in a statement.

Strasburg gets \$35 million annually with \$80 million deferred — about \$114 million a year. The deferred money is payable from 2028 to 2030.

The contract sets a floor for Cole, who is expected to top the records Strasburg just set.

Cole, whose Astros lost to the Nationals in a seven-game World Series, is two years younger and has been healthier throughout his career. Like Strasburg, he's represented by agent Scott Boras.

BEARS

Smith

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“Because just like the rest of the guys that we have on that defense, he’s one of the guys that’s the glue there.”

After a rookie year with 121 tackles, Smith entered 2019 with expectations he could ascend to Pro Bowl level. He had 100 tackles, two sacks, two passes defended and an interception in a season that had an unexpected twist in the middle.

Smith missed the Sept. 29 game against the Vikings because of a personal issue. Coaches never revealed more than that about his absence, but ESPN reported Smith wasn’t acting like himself in the week leading up to the game.

In the couple of weeks that followed, Smith’s production dipped enough that Nagy said “he can definitely play better.”

But Smith was well-removed from that slump by Thursday.

He had 11 tackles, a tackle for a loss and an interception against the Rams. On Thanksgiving, he joined linebackers Vinny Rey and Patrick Willis as the only players to have 15 or more tackles and two or more sacks in a game since 1982, according to the Bears.

“It’s a tough loss, especially because Ro for the past few weeks has been flying around,” inside linebacker Nick Kwiatkoski said. “To lose a guy like that is hard. It’s rough. But it is a part of football. Kevin Pierre-Louis did a great job filling in for him this past game. It’s guys like that, guys like me, that have to step up and take that next step forward.”

Kwiatkoski was the first backup inside linebacker to be asked to step up this season after Danny Trevathan went down with an elbow injury last month. Pierre-Louis was called into action after the first drive Thursday and had five tackles, one for a loss, a quarterback hit and two passes defended.

He has started only one game in six NFL seasons, in 2015 with the Seahawks, and he had a season-high 35 tackles in 14 games with the Chiefs in 2017. He said staying prepared throughout his career has required reminders to himself about why coaches trust him.

“It’s going back to knowing your why — why you grind each week, why you do the drills, why you go through the reps of practice,” Pierre-Louis said. “It’s times like this when you lean on your brothers. Ro is down right now. He’s going to need us for moral support. He’s going to be there morally, as well, helping us in the meetings, bringing the energy. We’ve got to pick up where he left off.”

Before Thursday, one of Pierre-Louis’ most memorable Bears plays wasn’t a good one. He was flagged for running into the



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Bears inside linebacker Roquan Smith (58) prepares to tackle Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott on the first drive of Thursday’s game.

kicker in the Raiders game in London. The penalty gave the Raiders fourth-and-1 rather than fourth-and-6. They converted and went on to score the winning TD.

“I’m not going to lie: In the right way, I think about it every day,” Pierre-Louis said. “I use it as motivation. It was a tough scenario. The blessing about this league is short memories. You make a couple plays

and people will forget about that. That’s my focus.”

As the Bears focus on how to get through their final three games without their top two inside linebackers, Smith must turn to his duty off the field. The Bears need him to rehab so he can return next summer ready to take over as a leader of the defense. Nagy believes he has the tools to make that

happen.

“I know a lot of defensive coordinators that have come up to me and explained to me how bad they wished he was on their team and the future that he has ahead of him,” Nagy said. “Now, there’s a lot of hard work involved to get to that point, but when you look at the traits that he has and his mental ability, the want, he’s got it all.”

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BEARS

Amukamara, Hicks aiming to face Packers

BY RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears were idle over the weekend before returning to Halas Hall on Monday for a short practice. On Wednesday, they'll begin on-field preparations for Sunday's game against the Packers at Lambeau Field.

Here are three things we learned at Monday's media availability with coach Matt Nagy and several players.

1. Prince Amukamara is cautiously optimistic he'll play against the Packers.

The veteran cornerback missed Thursday's win over the Cowboys with a hamstring strain he suffered on the final play of the Thanksgiving win over the Lions.

"We're going to keep monitoring it and see where I am," Amukamara said, noting his first chance to test his hamstring isn't until Wednesday. "It's streaky with a hamstring. We don't want that to linger. It's tough with the (season) being on the line."

Amukamara's quality and consistency in press coverage has benefited the Bears all season.

Second-year cornerback Kevin Toliver started in Amukamara's place against the Cowboys. He was in coverage against Amari Cooper on the Cowboys' third touchdown, which they scored at the 4:30 mark of the fourth quarter when the game was mostly out of reach.

The Bears rushed six, which left every defensive back in one-on-one coverage. Toliver ran with Cooper on a fade route but didn't find the ball in time to break up the pass. Quarterback Dak Prescott dropped in the throw perfectly to Cooper.

"Overall, I thought it was good for him," Nagy said. "He got a chance to go out there and see what he could do. Every bit of experience that he can get is only going to help make him better down the road."

2. Akiem Hicks continues to track toward coming off injured reserve this week.

The Bears didn't test Hicks' ailing left elbow against contact after he returned to practice last week. This week is the opportunity to gauge whether he's ready.

"We still have some finishing up to do and there's all these dates to make gains and get a little bit better," Hicks said. "Just working on that."

Hicks hasn't played a full game since Week 2. He played most of the Week 3 win over the Redskins before being sidelined by a knee injury that kept him out of the next game against the Vikings.

He played only eight snaps against the Raiders on Oct. 6 before seriously injuring his elbow, and he missed the ensuing eight games.

The Bears were ranked fourth in the NFL in yards allowed per carry (3.1) after the Week 3 win and have ascended to third (3.74) despite Hicks barely playing since then.

"The mentality for him is try to get stronger each and every day," Nagy said. "He hasn't been through any of the live stuff at all. Each day try to stay positive, try to get stronger and see where it takes us by the end of the week. But hopefully he'll be ready to go."

The Bears don't have to activate Hicks until Saturday, so they can keep the Packers guessing with a corresponding roster move. Inside linebacker Danny Trevathan (left elbow) remains on the active roster, but there's no indication he'll be back this season other than the fact the Bears haven't put him on injured reserve.

3. There's college bowl game juice in the Bears wide receivers room.

As reporters and cameramen surrounded Allen Robinson at his locker after practice, Anthony Miller stood nearby and pulled on a blue University of Memphis winter cap.

When Robinson was asked about the football he watched over the weekend, he seized the opportunity to trumpet his Penn State Nittany Lions in their Cotton Bowl matchup against Miller's Memphis Tigers on Dec. 28.

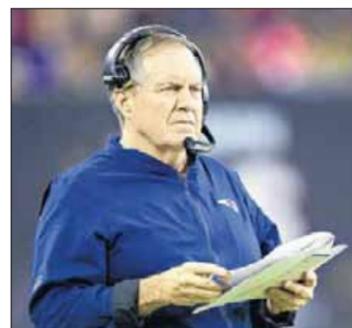
"I have not watched Memphis, but I have watched Penn State," Robinson said. "And I do know that we will be winning the Cotton Bowl. Penn State will be ready for that, and I think Anthony knows that as well."

Miller chimed in: "I don't know about that."

"We'll monitor whether the two receivers agree on a friendly wager."

Prince Amukamara, top, and Akiem Hicks hope to be available to play against the Packers this weekend.

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WESLEY HITT/GETTY

In 2007, Patriots coach Bill Belichick was fined \$500,000 over "Spygate."

NFL

Patriots' video crew investigated

News services

The NFL is investigating an incident involving a Patriots video crew taping in the press box during Sunday's game between the Bengals and Browns in Cleveland, Bengals coach Zac Taylor said Monday.

The crew was credentialed by the Browns to shoot video for a Patriots team feature in the press box and the Browns' media relations staff was aware, a league source told ESPN.

Taylor was asked by longtime Bengals radio analyst Dave Lapham about rumors that "the Patriots had a videographer up in the Bengals' press box area, working with an advance scout that was taping video of the Bengals' sideline" at the end of the coach's news conference.

"I'm aware that there was an incident," Taylor said. "But I know the league is investigating it, so I've got no comment on it."

The incident in question involved a Patriots scout who was being filmed while working on a team feature called "Do Your Job," the source said. An official for the Bengals saw a member of the video crew wearing a Patriots shirt and alerted the league, which confiscated the video, according to the source.

In 2007, the Patriots were punished by the NFL for videotaping the Jets' defensive playcalls on the sideline during a 2007 game at Giants Stadium, won by the Patriots 38-14. The Patriots were forced to forfeit their first-round draft pick in 2008 and coach Bill Belichick was fined the maximum amount of \$500,000. The Patriots also were ordered to pay \$250,000 for the scandal, which was dubbed "Spygate" by the media.

Since starting this season 8-0, the Patriots are 2-3 and will try to avoid their third straight loss Sunday against the Bengals in Cincinnati.

Eagles rally, win in OT: Carson Wentz rallied the Eagles from a 14-point deficit, tossing a 2-yard touchdown pass to Zach Ertz in overtime for a 23-17 win over the Giants on Monday night in Philadelphia.

The Eagles (6-7) snapped a three-game losing streak and moved into a tie with the Cowboys for first place in the NFC East. The Eagles win the division if they win their final three games. The Eagles meet the Cowboys in Week 16.

Manning, the two-time Super Bowl MVP, threw a pair of TD passes to Darius Slayton in his first game since Week 2. Filling in for injured rookie Daniel Jones, Manning was 15 of 30 for 203 yards. But he couldn't prevent the Giants (2-11) from losing their ninth straight game, tying a franchise record set in 1976, when the team opened 0-9.

Niners banged up: The 49ers escaped with a wild 48-46 win over the Saints on Sunday, but paid dearly for it.

Starting C Weston Richburg suffered a torn right patellar tendon, ending his season. CB Richard Sherman is expected to miss "a couple of weeks" with a strained right hamstring and DE Dee Ford will be sidelined "at least" three weeks after a previous hamstring injury flared up.

"It's tough," coach Mike Shanahan told ESPN. "It was a huge win and we enjoyed that a ton obviously but some mixed feelings today with some of these injuries ... hopefully we can keep playing well so we can give them a chance to come back and help us if we can make our season longer than three games."

The 49ers (11-2) sit atop the NFC West and will face the Falcons and Rams at home before traveling to meet the Seahawks in the regular-season finale on Dec. 29.

Extra points: In what could be a career-ending move, the Colts placed K Adam Vinatieri on the IR with a knee injury that requires surgery. Vinatieri, 46, is the league's all-time leading scorer with 2,671 points over 24 seasons. ... Browns coach Freddie Kitchens said that the team is not considering shutting down WR Odell Beckham Jr. for the season, even though he's been dealing with hip and groin injuries since the beginning of training camp and may need offseason surgery. ... The Cowboys waived struggling K Brett Maher — the only one in NFL history with three field goals of at least 60 yards — and replaced him with veteran Kai Forbath. ... Redskins RB Derrius Guice will miss Sunday's game against the Eagles with a left knee injury.

Mack pays Walmart holiday tabs in hometown

BY JEREMY MIKULA

We already know Khalil Mack is fond of shopping at Target and HomeGoods. Is it time to add Walmart to the list?

The Walmart in Fort Pierce, Fla., revealed Friday on Facebook that the Bears edge rusher paid off all active holiday layaway accounts at the chain retailer. The payment was made through Mack's charita-

ble Khalil Mack Foundation.

Mack, 28, is a native of Fort Pierce.

"We here at Walmart would like to thank the Khalil Mack Foundation for your generosity, and for making so many families happy for the holidays," the Fort Pierce store posted.

"Everyone is truly grateful for everything you have done for them!"

Mack footed the bill for 300 to 350

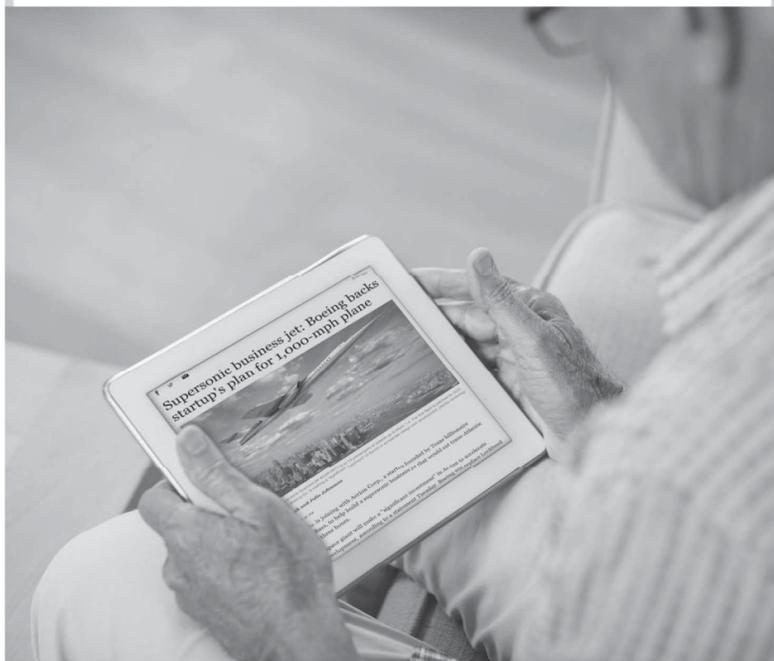
accounts — about \$80,000 total — a Walmart spokesman told the Tribune on Monday.

"His foundation came to us and said he wanted to be a secret Santa," store manager Mathias Libardi told TCPalm.com.

The holiday gift isn't the only good deed Mack has done for his hometown recently. In June, he sent 100 pairs of Nike cleats to the Fort Pierce Westwood football team.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Ohio State moves into top 3 after rout of UNC

News services

Louisville and Kansas finally provided some consistency to what has been a volatile Top 25 poll this season while perennial bluebloods Michigan State and North Carolina continued to tumble.

The Cardinals solidified their place at No. 1 in the AP Top 25 released Monday after routing then-No. 4 Michigan in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge and breezing past Pittsburgh over the past week. The Jayhawks stayed at No. 2 after returning from their Maui Invitational title to thump former Big 12 member Colorado.

"I think it's two games in a row, where we got stops," Louisville coach Chris Mack said. "We didn't allow second shots. We ran the clock on offense. We got great looks. We got layups, and that's a killer."

Ohio State jumped from sixth to third following its 74-49 rout of then-No. 7 North Carolina and a blowout of Penn State.

Maryland dropped one spot to fourth despite continuing to pile up wins, while Michigan slid one spot to round out the top five, after Juwan Howard's bunch ran into the Louisville buzzsaw for their first loss of the season.

"There are always areas that you can improve on as a coach," Howard said. "I'll go back and look at film and evaluate and see areas we can counteract."

The Wolverines' in-state rivals have plenty of evaluation to do, too.

Michigan State was the preseason No. 1 after returning a bevy of talent from last year's Final Four team, led by star guard Cassius Winston.

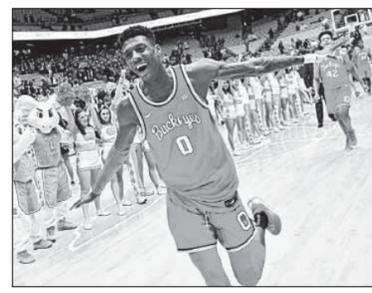
But after a season-opening loss to Kentucky in the Champions Classic, the Spartans lost to Virginia Tech and then fell to Duke last week to drop from 11th to No. 16 in the poll.

That drop wasn't nearly as startling as that of North Carolina, which tumbled 10 spots to No. 17 after losses to Ohio State and Virginia. The biggest culprit for the Tar Heels remains their offense, which failed to score at least 50 points in back-to-back games for the first time since the 1947-48 season.

"This is the most frustrated I've ever been," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said.

"I don't think we're playing basketball the way that I want us to play and that is probably the most frustrating."

The Tar Heels catch a breather this week with their only game Sunday against Wofford. Then comes another big showdown against sixth-ranked Gonzaga next week.



GRANT HALVERSON/GETTY

Alonzo Gaffney reacts after Ohio State's win over North Carolina on Wednesday.

Wolfpack pushback: NC State officials are disputing the NCAA's allegation that former Adidas consultant T.J. Gassnola gave \$40,000 to a former Wolfpack assistant coach, who was supposed to help facilitate getting the money to star player Dennis Smith Jr.'s family in October 2015 to ensure he enrolled at the school.

In a 46-page response to the NCAA notice of allegations that the university received in July, NC State officials questioned whether there was evidence — as laid out in last year's federal trial — that Gassnola actually delivered \$40,000 to former assistant coach Orlando Early, who was supposed to forward the money to Shawn Farmer, Smith's former trainer, who was then supposed to give the money to Smith's father.

"Specifically, the evidence in the record demonstrates that Smith Jr. did not receive any money and that he was unaware of any money being provided to Farmer and/or to his family by Adidas, Gassnola or Early," the response said.

The NCAA has alleged two Level I violations (the most serious) against the Wolfpack, including a failure-to-monitor charge against former coach Mark Gottfried, who has since been hired at Cal State Northridge. The NCAA enforcement staff has 60 days to respond. The Wolfpack could appear in front of the NCAA's committee on infractions next spring.

Layups: Western Kentucky big man Charles Bassey will miss the rest of the season with a fractured tibia. The sophomore from Nigeria picked up Conference USA Freshman of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors last season. ... Sandro Mamukelashvili, a junior forward for No. 22 Seton Hall, broke his right wrist during a 76-66 loss to Iowa State on Sunday night. It's not yet known how long he will be out.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	17	5	.773	—
Philadelphia	17	7	.708	1
Toronto	16	7	.696	1½
Brooklyn	13	10	.565	4½
New York	4	19	.174	13½

SOUTHEAST

Miami	17	6	.739	—
Orlando	11	12	.478	6
Charlotte	9	16	.360	9
Washington	7	15	.318	9½
Atlanta	6	17	.261	11

CENTRAL

Milwaukee	21	3	.875	—
Indiana	15	9	.625	6
Detroit	10	14	.417	11
Chicago	8	17	.320	13½
Cleveland	5	18	.217	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST

W	L	PCT	GB	
Dallas	16	7	.696	—
Houston	15	8	.652	1
San Antonio	9	14	.391	7
Memphis	6	18	.304	9
New Orleans	6	18	.250	10½

NORTHWEST

Denver	14	7	.667	—
Utah	13	11	.542	2½
Oklahoma City	11	12	.478	4
Minnesota	10	13	.435	5
Portland	9	15	.375	6½

PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	21	3	.875	—
L.A. Clippers	18	7	.720	3½
Phoenix	11	12	.478	6
Sacramento	10	13	.435	10½
Golden State	5	20	.200	16½

MONDAY'S RESULTS

L.A. Clippers 110, Indiana 99
Boston 110, Cleveland 88
Detroit 105, New Orleans 103
Milwaukee 110, Orlando 101
Sacramento 119, Houston 118
Toronto 93, Chicago 92
Oklahoma City 104, Utah 90
Phoenix 125, Minnesota 109
Memphis 110, Golden State 102

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7 p.m.
Denver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New York at Portland, 9 p.m.

RAPTORS 93, BULLS 92

TORONTO: Anunoby 4-9 2-3 10, Siakam 7-18 6-22, Gasol 4-7 0-9, Lowry 3-15 4-5 11, Powell 7-16 2-4 17, Miller 0-1 0-2 0, Hollis-Jefferson 3-7 0-0 6, Boucher 2-4 0-0 5, Ibaka 3-11 4-4 11, Davis 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 34-90 18-26 93.

CHICAGO: Dunn 1-8 0-0 3, Markkanen 5-14 1-2 13, Carter Jr. 5-8 4-5 14, Satoransky 4-8 0-0 10, LaVine 6-18 5-7 20, Young 2-3 0-0 5, Gafford 7-9 0-0 14, Harrison 0-0 0-0 0, White 0-7 0-0 4, Arcidiacono 0-3 0-0 0, Valentine 5-11 0-0 13. Totals 35-89 10-14 92.

3-Point Goals

—Toronto 7-29 (Siakam 2-6, Ibaka 1-1, Boucher 1-2, Gasol 1-2, Powell 1-6, Lowry 1-8, Hollis-Jefferson 0-1, Davis 0-1, Anunoby 0-2), Chicago 12-46 (Valentine 3-9, LaVine 3-10, Satoransky 2-6, Markkanen 2-6, Young 1-2, Dunn 1-6, Arcidiacono 0-2, White 0-5). **Fouled Out**—Carter Jr., **Rebounds**—Toronto 54 (Ibaka 14), Chicago 45 (LaVine 11). **Assists**—Toronto 19 (Lowry 7), Chicago 30 (Satoransky 11). **Fouls**—Toronto 12, Chicago 20. **Tech**—Young, A—14,775 (20,917).

TORONTO

Toronto	30	19	22	22	— 93
Chicago	30	21	20	21	— 92

METRO

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	22	5	5	49	117
N.Y. Islanders	20	7	2	42	86
Philadelphia	17	8	5	39	96
Pittsburgh	17	9	4	38	103
Carolina	18	11	1	37	97
N.Y. Rangers	15	11	3	33	93
Columbus	12	14	4	28	76
New Jersey	9	15	5	23	74

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	18	7	6	42	92
Colorado	19	8	3	41	147
Winnipeg	18	10	2	38	87
Dallas	17	11	3	37	82
Minnesota	14	12	4	32	90
Nashville	13	10	5	31	95
Chicago	12	12	6	30	83

PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	18	10	4	40	97
Arizona	18	10	4	40	89
Calgary	16	12	4	36	86
Vegas	15	12	4	35	93
Vancouver	15	11	4	34	103
San Jose	15	15	2	32	88
Anaheim	12	14	2	28	79
Los Angeles	11	18	2	24	77

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

MONDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Islanders 5, Tampa Bay 1
Columbus 5, Washington 2
Ottawa 5, Boston 2
Calgary 5, Colorado 4 (OT)

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay at Florida, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Vegas, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

BLUE JACKETS 5, CAPITALS 2

Columbus	1	1	3	— 5
Washington	0	0	2	— 2

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Columbus, Atkinson 6

(Texist, Nyquist), 3:27. **Penalties:** Holtby, WSH, served by Vrana, (tripping), 4:28; Panik, WSH, (charging), 9:19; Fioligno, CBJ, (hooking), 9:57.

SECOND PERIOD: 2, Columbus, Murray 2

(Robinson), 6:52. **Penalties:** Bjorkstrand, CBJ, (interference), 12:26; Dubois, CBJ, (hooking), 15:20; Dowd, WSH, (tripping), 18:31.

THIRD PERIOD: 3, Washington, Ovechkin 21

(Orlov, Backstrom), 0:40. 4, Columbus, Nash 2 (Wennberg), 6:53. 5, Columbus, Bjorkstrand 7 (Jones, Milano), 10:37. 6, Washington, Backstrom 5 (Kuznetsov, Ovechkin), 17:54. 7, Columbus, Atkinson 7, 18:12. **Penalties:** Dowd, WSH, (tripping), 3:28; Wilson, WSH, (interference), 15:09.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Columbus 20-6-12—38.

WASHINGTON 6-15-39.

POWER PLAYS: Columbus 0 of 5; Washington 0 of 3.

GOALIES: Columbus, Korpisalo 12-1-1 (39 shots-37 saves), Washington, Holtby 15-3-4 (37-33). **A:** 18,573 (18,277). **T:** 2:31.

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS

RK.	GOLFER	COUNTRY	Avg
1.	Brooks Koepka	U.S.	11.03
2.	Rory McIlroy	N. Ireland	9.79
3.	Jon Rahm	Spain	8.45
4.	Dustin Thomas	U.S.	7.46
5.	Justin Thomas	U.S.	7.43
6.	Tiger Woods	U.S.	6.98
7.	Patrick Cantlay	U.S.	6.58
8.	Justin Rose	England	6.39
9.	Xander Schauffele	U.S.	5.97
10.	Tommy Fleetwood	England	5.26
11.	Patrick Reed	U.S.	5.12
12.	Francesco Molinari	Italy	5.05
13.	Bryson DeChambeau	U.S.	4.92
14.	Paul Casey	England	4.86
15.	Pony Finau	U.S.	4.85
16.	Gary Woodland	U.S.	4.83
17.	Adam Scott	Australia	4.73
18.	Shane Lowry	Ireland	4.56
20.	Louis Oosthuizen	S. Africa	4.37

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S APTOP 25 SCHEDULE

1. **Louisville** (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Tuesday.

2. **Kansas** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Milwaukee, Tuesday.

3. **Ohio State** (9-0) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.

4. **Maryland** (10-0) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Tuesday.

5. **Michigan** (8-1) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Wednesday.

6. **Gonzaga** (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Arizona, Saturday.

7. **Duke** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wofford, Dec. 19.

8. **Kentucky** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.

9. **Virginia** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Stony Brook, Dec. 18.

10. **Oregon** (6-2) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Michigan, Saturday.

11. **Baylor** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. #18 Butler, Tuesday.

12. **Auburn** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Saturday.

13. **Memphis** (8-1) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Tennessee, Saturday.

14. **Dayton** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Drake, Saturday.

15. **Arizona** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Omaha, Wednesday.

16. **Michigan State** (6-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oakland, Saturday.

17. **North Carolina** (6-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wofford, Sunday.

18. **Butler** (9-0) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Baylor, Tuesday.

19. **Tennessee** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Memphis, Saturday.

20. **Villanova** (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Delaware, Saturday.

21. **Florida State** (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Florida, Dec. 17.

22. **Seton Hall** (6-3) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.

23. **Xavier** (9-1) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.

24. **Colorado** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Iowa, Tuesday.

25. **San Diego State** (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. SDCC, Wednesday.

MONDAY'S SCORES

Duquesne 90, Columbia 54
Alcorn St. 108, Rust College 62
Iowa 72, Minnesota 52
South Dakota 73, Alabama 59

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

1. **Stanford** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Sunday.

2. **UConn** (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 16 DePaul, Dec. 16.

3. **Oregon** (7-1) did not play. Next: at Long Beach State, Saturday.

4. **Oregon State** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Utah State, Saturday.

5. **South Carolina** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Sunday.

6. **Baylor** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Dec. 18.

7. **Louisville** (9-1) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Kentucky, Sunday.

8. **Florida State** (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Sunday.

9. **N.C. State** (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Elon, Sunday.

10. **UCLA** (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pacific, Sunday.

11. **Texas A&M** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.

12. **Indiana** (7-1) did not play. Next: at Butler, Wednesday.

13. **Maryland** (8-2) did not play. Next: at Georgia State, Dec. 18.

14. **Kentucky** (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Winthrop, Wednesday.

15. **Mississippi State** (8-2) did not play. Next: at La-Lafayette, Dec. 16.

16. **DePaul** (7-1) did not play. Next: at Notre Dame, Wednesday.

17. **Gonzaga** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Southern, Saturday.

18. **Arizona** (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee State, Thursday.

19. **Michigan State** (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Morehead State, Sunday.

20. **Missouri State** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Sunday.

21. **Arkansas** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tulsa, Wednesday.

22. **West Virginia** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Norfolk State, Sunday.

23. **Tennessee** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado State, Wednesday.

24. **Michigan** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Appalachian State, Saturday.

25. **Miami** (5-3) did not play. Next: vs. Binghamton, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

MEN'S AP TOP 25

RK.	SCHOOL	W-L	PTS	LW
1.	Louisville (55)	9-0	1591	1
2.	Kansas (4)	7-1	1486	2
3.	Ohio St. (5)	9-0	1464	6
4.	Maryland	10-0	1428	3
5.	Michigan	8-1	1286	4
6.	Gonzaga	10-1	1235	9
7.	Duke	9-1	1232	10
8.	Kentucky	7-1	1170	8
9.	Virginia	8-1	1060	5
10.	Oregon	7-2	905	13
11.	Baylor	7-1	872	18
12.	Auburn	8-0	836	14
13.	Memphis	8-1	756	15
14.	Dayton	7-1	672	19
15.	Arizona	9-1	654	12
16.	Michigan St.	6-3	637	11
17.	North Carolina	6-3	615	7
18.	Butler	9-0	529	24
19.	Tennessee	7-1	455	21

BULLS



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RAPTORS 93, BULLS 92

Coming up short

Zach LaVine missed a driving shot over Marc Gasol in the final seconds of the Bulls' 93-92 loss to the Raptors on Monday night at the United Center. The Bulls led by as many as eight points in the fourth quarter but could not put away the Raptors. LaVine scored 20 points to lead the Bulls, with Wendell Carter Jr. and Daniel Gafford scoring 14 apiece and Lauri Markkanen and Denzel Valentine each adding 13. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

White

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That had been gist of White's game before — playing off screens and finding spots to catch and shoot — but he figures to have the ball in his hands much more often with Porter expected to miss at least two more weeks because of a bone bruise in his left foot. White will have to make quick decisions about whether to pass or shoot and how to create offense not just for himself, but for others.

"You know, I'm not going to be perfect at it," White said. "I'm not going to have all the answers to the test. But I'm just looking to get better each and every game."

Boylan's not expecting him to be mistake-free.

"I don't micromanage his decisions," Boylen said. "I try to show him options. That's important for a young player: These are options. What I talk about is reading the coverage. A quarterback knows where his guys are. What he's doing is within the coverage. A point guard should have an understanding of where our guys are. That's why spacing is so important. Disciplined spacing."

Boylan has harped on the team's poor spacing before and brought it up again. For White to succeed, he'll need shooters around him who are properly spaced and can see the floor.

"We have a different offensive system than we had before," Boylen said. "There's a growth pattern with that."

White said he expects reserve guard Denzel Valentine to help keep defenses honest.

"Zel can really shoot it; off the ball he's really good," White said. "He makes good decisions on the ball, but off the ball he's such a floor spacer and can knock it down. I barely ever see him miss, game or



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Bulls guard Coby White looks for room Monday night against the Raptors.

practice."

Dunn, who was the backup point guard before setbacks for Porter and Hutchison forced him into the starting lineup, said White just needs to be aggressive.

"The defense is going to tell you what play to make. If you just keep figuring that out, good things will happen," Dunn said.

Guard Zach LaVine said he expects White to go through the kind of growing pains LaVine went through early in his career.

"We all trust in Coby but, like, the

hardest thing for me was decision making," LaVine said. "You're such a gifted scorer, so you have to figure out when's the right time to pass or shoot."

"Coby's such a gifted scorer it's going to come easily to him throughout the course of the game. Especially with the ball in your hands. You get the ball in your hands and can pretty much almost shoot whenever you want to, or dictate when you want to shoot, call pick-and-rolls and stuff like that. I think he'll figure it out."

"The best lesson is experience. Always is."

BLACKHAWKS

WHAT WE LEARNED

'Dirty hit' led Gilbert to fight

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

The Blackhawks held a low-key optional skate Monday before taking off for a three-game trip to face the Golden Knights, Coyotes and Blues.

Here are four things that came out of practice at Fifth Third Arena.

1. Dennis Gilbert defended his decision to go after Jason Demers.

Chasing down the Coyotes' Demers after he checked Alex DeBrincat hard into the boards during the second period of Sunday's game — and didn't receive a penalty — was an easy decision for Gilbert.

"I thought it was a dirty hit," Gilbert said after practice. "(Alex's) numbers (on the back of his jersey) were showing and he decided to follow through and make the hit still."

The choice may have been easy, but the ramifications were severe. Both players received five-minute fighting majors, but Gilbert was given a two-minute instigator penalty as well as a 10-minute misconduct. The Coyotes scored on the ensuing power play to tie the game.

"It's tough having to get an extra penalty for it," Gilbert said. "It's no fun watching them score on the power play, and they tie the game up and we end up not getting the win, which is unfortunate. But if you let that stuff happen to players on your team, especially your best players, it's going to keep happening."

"I'm not a fighter by any means. It kind of happens that coincidentally (I fought) two games in a row. But I'm going to stand up for myself and for my teammates if I see somebody taken advantage of. I'm not going to sit back and let it happen."

Gilbert did have the option of waiting for a better moment or perhaps until Thursday, when the Hawks play the Coyotes again. But that really wasn't an option for him.

"It's kind of an instinctual thing," he said. "As a defenseman on a defenseman, it can be kind of hard to orchestrate that. I don't like staged fights. It was an in-the-moment thing. I saw what I thought was a dirty hit and it wasn't penalized, so you've got to address it."

2. Adam Boqvist was called up from Rockford again. Will this time be for good?

Probably not. There's no chance he'll stay on the roster as an extra defenseman, so the same numbers game that prevented him from previously sticking will exist once Duncan Keith returns from a groin injury. The addition of Boqvist gives the Hawks eight defensemen, not including Keith.

But as long as he is with the Hawks, he should be in the lineup. Boqvist was impressive during an earlier six-game stint and needs to play in four more games to burn the first year of his entry-level contract.

"I kind of know how to play now," Boqvist said. "I got six games playing with Duncs and (Olli Maatta). They helped me a lot as well. I know kind of what is going (on) out there now."

Boqvist, who had one goal in six games with the Hawks, hasn't had much scoring success with the IceHogs. He has one goal and five assists in 15 games and hasn't scored in his last six. That wasn't a concern to Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton.

"He's done well down there," Colliton said. "Reports have been good and I've had a chance to watch a couple games too. I think he continues to get better, so hopefully that process continues and can continue here."

Could Boqvist join Sweden for the World Junior tournament that begins later this month?

"It's not something we've discussed lately," Colliton said. "He's here, so not on my radar."

In addition to Boqvist, the Hawks recalled forward Matthew Highmore from the IceHogs for the second time this season.

3. Dominik Kubalik likely earned another shot on the top line.

For the first time this season, Kubalik started on the top line Sunday alongside Jonathan Toews and Brandon Saad.

The line had a goal on its first shift when Toews scored and added another in the first period when Kubalik tipped in a shot from the point for his seventh of the season.

Kubalik has been fairly consistent, not going more than five games without a goal all season. But he hasn't really gotten into a groove either. That could change if he keeps getting opportunities to play with Toews and Saad.

"He did well," Colliton said. "Especially the first two periods, he was really skating and making confident plays. It's just like our team, just finding a way to do it every single shift, every part of the game."

4. Who's in and who's out for the road trip?

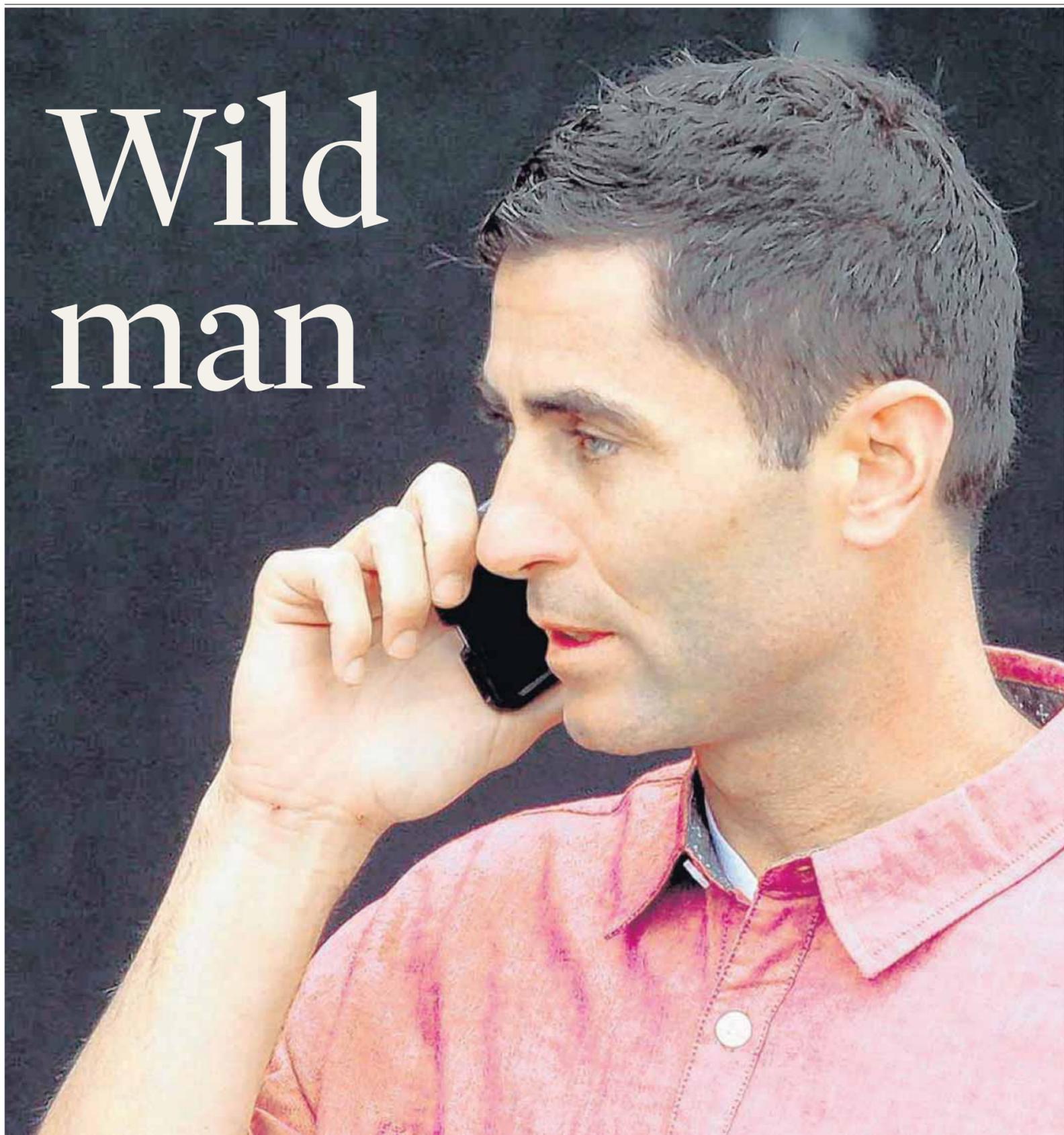
Keith is on injured reserve retroactive to Nov. 29 and is eligible to return. But he hasn't resumed skating and won't go on the trip.

Andrew Shaw was placed on long-term injured reserve Monday with a concussion and can't return until at least Dec. 27.

Drake Caggiola (concussion) isn't ready to play and will stay home, but Olli Maatta, who has missed the last three games with the flu, is traveling.

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Wild man



HAYNE PALMOUR IV/SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

Padres general manager A.J. Preller believes he has his franchise on much firmer footing that the last time the winter meetings were conducted in San Diego five years ago.

GM Preller has Padres more prepared to make waves this winter

By KEVIN ACEE
San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO — The last time the baseball winter meetings were in San Diego, A.J. Preller walked out of his temporary home at the Marriott Gaslamp Quarter each day, made his way toward Harbor Drive and entered the Manchester Grand Hyatt, where he launched a transformation of the Padres roster.

He didn't officially consummate any trades during those meetings, but it was there that the deal to acquire Matt Kemp from the Dodgers was agreed upon and two other monumental trades essentially germinated. The week kicked off an offseason in which Preller engineered trades and signings of what ended up being four new starting position players, a front-line starting pitcher and the National League's top closer. Between them, the new acquisitions had seven All-Star appearances and two Rookie of the Year awards.

Five years later, the Padres general manager has an actual home up Interstate 5 a bit from downtown. He also has a clearer focus, sharpened by the knowledge that comes from experience, an improved structure of internal communication and what seem to be fewer gaping holes to fill.

But as the winter meetings return to the Hyatt, Preller has already demonstrated he will be no less maniacal as he attempts to improve his team.

The binge Preller embarked on in the winter of 2014, just a few months after being hired in early August to his first GM gig, enflamed a fan base and caused many observers to predict the Padres would end what was then an eight-year run without a postseason appearance.

By June 2015, manager Bud Black had been fired. By season's end, the Padres were 14 games under .500 and 18 games out of first place in the National League West.

The franchise's most recent playoff appearance remains 2006, and last season was the Padres' ninth straight with a losing record.

It would be myopic to declare that winter

an absolute failure, as Preller turned a number of those veteran acquisitions into prospects in trades made over the next year and a half.

But the attempt at the quick fix was a waste of time and money.

And as Preller has launched this offseason at a frenetic pace, making three significant trades and signing a free-agent reliever, another legacy of that offseason five years ago is the reminder to beware of the winter wins.

In San Diego, as much as anywhere, it has been proved that winning the offseason could very well be merely the launch of a letdown.

With this year's winter meetings running through Thursday, there is little argument that the Padres have already made themselves better since the end of the season. It can even be argued they have done more toward that aim than any other team.

The five major leaguers the Padres added in three trades and a free-agent signing combined for 8.4 wins above replacement in 2019. Accounting for the cumulative 4.1 WAR lost in the jettisoning of Austin Allen, Eric Lauer, Travis Jankowski, Hunter Renfroe and Luis Urias via trade, the Padres have theoretically netted 4.3 wins. That's more than any other team.

Of course, few teams had as far to rise. The Padres had the majors' eighth-lowest win total with 70 last season.

And their moves so far only make them the leader in the clubhouse with other teams yet to make the turn.

Even if they achieve their goal of acquiring a starting catcher and are able to trade for an above-average starting pitcher, their intention to sit out the Gerrit Cole sweepstakes make it unlikely the Padres will ultimately be considered this offseason's biggest winner.

With the goal being actual wins, however, it is interesting to note the different plane on which Preller and the Padres are operating compared to five years ago.

It starts with familiarity.

"In a lot of ways, the biggest (difference) is knowing our people well," Preller said. "That first year, no matter how quickly you try to

speed up the learning curve, you can't.

"(One) thing I (remember) from those meetings is it was a time of getting to know people, the staff. The winter meetings are a good time for that. Everybody is in one area. You take advantage of that time. Getting to a new organization, for me personally, it felt like 24 hours in a day wasn't enough."

One way a lack of familiarity manifests itself in executing the business of roster building is when the members of a personnel department are assessing players and discussing potential moves. Preller had in that first offseason at the helm not had time to gain a good understanding of which Padres scouts were aggressive evaluators, which tended to grade high or low, which ones didn't speak up in meetings and how to navigate and interpret communication differences.

Almost immediately after the '14 winter meetings, an organizational meeting was held at Petco Park for which virtually every Padres scout in came to discuss the state of the organization's on-field talent — or lack thereof. Heading into this year's meetings, the members of the personnel department, who now have multiple years working together under Preller, and the largely new coaching staff have met several times.

"The more time you spend with people, you get more comfortable," Preller said. "Those things come with time."

Preller has, by many accounts and as illustrated by his dealings, grown as well. The evolution involves his interactions with those who report to him and those he reports to.

Among the chief changes was Padres Executive Chairman Ron Fowler becoming more involved in personnel decisions — without a middleman. In that first offseason, former team President Mike Dee was Preller's direct supervisor and enthusiastic promoter.

"There is a very disciplined approach to what the pieces are we feel we need, what pieces we are likely to move to get what we want," Fowler said of the current structure. "There is far more in-depth research and discussions that are part of the process."

Where Preller privately allows some ways in which he did not ask for enough from other teams in those initial dealings, he has held out for more and refined his goals in the ensuing years.

Patience got him more when he flipped closer Craig Kimbrel for four prospects in November 2015 rather than moving him four months earlier. Holding on to Andrew Cashner into the 2016 season improved the

haul the right-hander brought. Perhaps most notably, Preller has refused to part with his top prospects for anything less than what he believes are championship pieces at the major-league level.

The recent trades to acquire starting pitcher Zach Davies, outfielders Trent Grisham and Tommy Pham and infielder Jurickson Profar are the first time the Padres have made trades that brought proven major-league players since that 2014-15 offseason.

The key distinction, from the team's perspective, is proven and still capable.

"We take pride of finding guys that are on the come," Preller said.

He acknowledges that wasn't entirely the case in the '14-15 splurge.

"He has grown a lot," Fowler said. "We and baseball ops are far more thorough in looking at pieces and how those pieces will fit — what are the positives, what are the negatives."

Preller is prone to downplay the variance in his approach.

"We've always been about winning," he said. "For us, it has always been about lining up on deals that help us win."

The fact is, however, the difference now is those deals are designed to help the Padres win now rather than possibly pay off only in some future season.

"Over the last couple years, we've been building up our talent base," Preller said. "We just hadn't quite lined up on certain deals that focused on the big-league level."

Indeed, the Padres were interested in — and even close to — making trades for major leaguers the last couple of years. It might be only slightly too simple to explain the reason those trades didn't happen was that Preller was unwilling to give up certain prospects because he didn't think the major-league team was close enough to benefit enough from one or two veteran additions.

Until now. And that is the main difference between the Padres' already-busy offseason of 2019 and the mania of '14.

They believe they have a decent hand, just looking to be dealt the right cards. Five years ago, they looked at their roster and basically felt playing "52 pick-up" was a feasible route.

There was no Fernando Tatis Jr. or Manny Machado or Eric Hosmer in the infield. There was no Chris Paddack or Dinelson Lamet or Garrett Richards in the rotation, no MacKenzie Gore or Luis Patino about to be.

"The difference, as we look at this offseason and where we are as an organization," Padres general partner Peter Seidler said, "is it's more important to be surgical and precise than it is to shuffle the deck."

"In a lot of ways, the biggest (difference) is knowing our people well. That first year, no matter how quickly you try to speed up the learning curve, you can't."

— Padres GM A.J. Preller

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A person walks out of the Russian Olympic Committee headquarters in Moscow on Monday, the day Russia was banned from global sporting events for four years.

Altered doping data leads to Russia's Olympic ban

BY RICK MAESE
The Washington Post

The World Anti-Doping Agency's executive committee voted Monday at its meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, to bar Russia from any formal involvement in the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo and the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

On Nov. 22, WADA's Compliance Review Committee recommended that the executive committee find the Russian Anti-Doping Agency in violation of the World Anti-Doping Code because of "an extremely serious case of noncompliance with the requirement to provide an authentic copy of the Moscow data, with several aggravating features."

Q: What happened?

A: The executive committee voted unanimously to accept the recommendations from the organization's Compliance Review Committee. Under the ruling, Russia will not be allowed to participate in international competition, which includes the Olympics, Youth Olympic Games, Paralympics, FIFA World Cup, world championships and other major sporting events subject to WADA code; Russian officials are barred from sitting on boards and committees related to international sports governance; Russia is disqualified from hosting any major sporting event or even applying for hosting opportunities; and the Russian flag won't be allowed to fly at any major event.

However, St. Petersburg will host matches of the 2020 UEFA Euro Cup as scheduled and the Russian national team will play under the Russian flag, according to the head of the Russian organizing committee.

Q: Who made the decision?

A: The 12-member executive committee is considered WADA's most important policymaking body and is headed by Craig Reedie, a former badminton player from the United Kingdom and longtime sports administrator. The other members come from 11 countries and have a wide range of athletic and political backgrounds. None of the 12 is from Russia or the U.S.

Q: How will Russia's presence in Tokyo be affected?

A: Russia will have no formal presence. Its flag won't fly; its anthem won't play. No officials from the Russian Olympic Committee or any of its sport governing bodies can attend the Olympics or any other major



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World Anti-Doping Agency President-elect Witold Banka, from left, President Craig Reedie and Director General Olivier Niggl discuss Russia's ban at a news conference Monday in Lausanne, Switzerland.

international competitions for the next four years. This includes government officials such as President Vladimir Putin.

But Russian athletes can still compete, as long as they haven't been implicated in doping. Russia faced similar restrictions during the 2018 Winter Games in PyeongChang, where 168 Russian athletes competed as "Olympic Athletes from Russia." According to WADA, Russians can compete if "they are able to demonstrate that they are not implicated in any way by the noncompliance (i.e., they are not mentioned in incriminating circumstances in the McLaren reports, there are no positive findings reported for them in the database, and no data relating to their samples has been manipulated)."

Q: Does Russia have any recourse?

A: The Russian Anti-Doping Agency will have 21 days to respond. If it disagrees with the WADA ruling, it can protest the matter to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which would have final say.

The IOC must honor the executive committee's decision. "IOC has in the Olympic Charter accepted the World Anti-Doping Code, and if there is a decision being issued ... it is mandatory," IOC President Thomas Bach said at a news conference last week in Lausanne, according to the Associated Press.

Q: Wasn't Russia already punished for doping infractions?

A: Yes, on multiple occasions. Its track and field athletes were barred from the Rio Games in

2016, for example, and it had no formal presence at the PyeongChang Olympics last year. RUSADA was reinstated in September 2018 and appeared to be on track for full inclusion on the international stage. But as a condition of reinstatement, RUSADA was required to share some of its testing data from its Moscow laboratory by Dec. 31, 2018, which triggered a new round of infractions and punishment.

Q: What exactly did Russia do wrong?

A: RUSADA drew the ire of many in December 2018, when it missed that deadline to turn over the data. The Russians were granted a reprieve and finally shared the information in January. But when investigators compared what they had been given by the Russians with data that was shared in 2017 by a whistleblower, they noticed discrepancies.

According to WADA, "hundreds of presumptive adverse analytical findings" supplied by the whistleblower had been removed, and "the related underlying raw data and PDF files have been deleted or altered." Making matters worse, the investigators said this data manipulation was done after RUSADA had been reinstated and informed that it needed to share the information with WADA.

"These activities were concealed by backdating of computer systems and data files in an attempt to make it appear that the Moscow data had been in their current state since 2015," WADA said.

Investigators also say the Russians "planted fabricated evi-

dence" in an attempt to implicate whistleblower Grigory Rodchenkov, the former head of the Moscow lab, in a purported scheme that sought to extort money from athletes.

Q: Will everyone be satisfied with the decision?

A: Not likely. Russians, for starters, believe they've been unfairly targeted. And many in the anti-doping community think WADA and the IOC have been too soft on Russia. Travis Tygart, the chief executive of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, is among those who says no Russian athletes should be allowed to compete in Tokyo and that WADA's sanctions don't go far enough to safeguard sport.

"WADA promised the world back in 2018 that if Russia failed yet again to live up to its agreements, it would use the toughest sanction under the rules," he said. "Yet here we go again. WADA says one thing and does something entirely different. There is no disputing that Russia has committed the most intentional, deep and broad level of corruption on the entire sports world that has put money over morals, abuse over health and corruption over the Olympic values and all athletes' dreams. Now clean athletes, sports fans and sponsors are having to suffer through another horrendous Groundhog Day of Russian corruption and domination."

Q: What does this mean in the future?

A: Russia probably would be eligible to return to international competition in early 2024.

The CRC did not recommend any interim monitoring of Russia's anti-doping operation, saying "that RUSADA's work is effective in contributing to the fight against doping in Russian sport and that it is working productively in cooperation with other Anti-Doping Organizations, including in investigations within Russia."

It did say that any reinstatement is conditioned on WADA remaining satisfied "that RUSADA's independence is being respected and there is no improper outside interference with its operations."

Q: How will this affect competition in Tokyo?

A: It's not known how many Russian athletes might compete, but Russia is traditionally a regular visitor to the medal podium. At the 2016 Summer Games, the country's track and field athletes were barred from competing because of doping concerns, but they still sent 282 athletes to Rio de Janeiro and brought home 56 medals, the fourth most of any nation. At the 2012 London Games, the Russian contingent included 436 athletes, the third-largest team, and won 68 medals.

Russia is usually most competitive in track and field, boxing, fencing, judo, gymnastics and wrestling.

Q: Does this impact the World Cup?

A: It should, but many details need to be ironed out. According to WADA, Russia is barred from any "event organized by a Major Event Organisation." FIFA is soccer's global organizing body and adheres to the World Anti-Doping Code. But a WADA official said Russian players could potentially still participate in the 2022 World Cup in Qatar — though not under the Russian flag.

"If they qualify, a team representing Russia cannot participate, but if there is a mechanism put in place, then they can apply to participate on a neutral basis, not as representatives of Russia," Jonathan Taylor, chair of WADA's Compliance Review Committee, said at a news conference.

In a statement Monday, a FIFA spokesman said: "FIFA has taken note of the decision taken by WADA Executive Committee today. FIFA is in contact with WADA and (Association of Summer Olympic International Federations) to clarify the (extent) of the decision in regard to football."

Russia hosted the 2018 World Cup and thus was an automatic qualifier. It qualified in 2014 but not 2006 or 2010.



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The view from inside the Volumes bookstore in the 900 North Michigan Shops in Chicago. The original Volumes is in Wicker Park.

Are indie bookstores making a comeback?

It may be risky business, but one owner believes it's well worth the gamble



CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

"Twas a cold December day when, trudging through the vast expanse of the 900 North Michigan Shops, passing Gucci and hand-woven silk fabrics I could never afford, I noticed the strangest of welcome sights. It was a modest reminder that sometimes things get better. It was the time of year to believe so. Because there, on the fifth floor, after four escalator rides, two stories above where Santa now sits, tucked into the back of the mall, beyond the artisan food hall, and alongside an eyeglass frame boutique, what to my wondering eyes should appear, but, *gasp* — is that a bookstore?

Not the warmest of bookstores, not the largest.

But yes, a wall of new fiction, tables stacked high with best-sellers, a generous children's section, an area for art books, another for nonfiction —

it's a ... a bookstore?

How, on tony Michigan Avenue, is it possible?

One recent morning, Rebecca George, the owner of Volumes — which first opened in Wicker Park a few years ago, then this second location in late September — overheard a mother and child walking by. The boy wanted to stop, but the mother tugged him forward: Honey, the mother said, this is Michigan Avenue — those books will cost a ton!

George had an urge to race after, shouting "No! Wait! They're just regular books!"

But she didn't. After all, this is unusual, to see a new, locally owned indie bookshop, in a ritzy shopping Valhalla like North Michigan Avenue. That wasn't always true: Over the decades the neighborhood, and the wider downtown shopping district, has been home to, among others, the flagship Kroch's and Brentano's, a Waterstones, and most recently, a Borders. George herself, daughter of a prominent Water Tower dentist, spent her childhood nuzzled in the Rizzoli's at Water Tower Place. "It was one of the few places I was allowed to go by myself in the mall. It was all dark wood and mysterious, and I remember a lot of globes, and it always smelling so

different, with a rich pulpy musk."

Then Rizzoli's left too.

Local bookstores, beset by Amazon and Borders and Barnes & Noble and the digital drift of history, began to look very 20th century. But then, a surprise: The big-box giants faded and independent bookshops exploded back into neighborhoods — according to the American Booksellers Association, from 2009 to 2019, the number of new shops (owned by members) increased a whopping 53%. Though not exactly in malls, which, like other large retail spaces, have seen a steady decline in foot traffic.

So George took a risk — not on opening a bookstore, but on opening one in a mall.

She created a poetry section; she stocked a prominent rack at the front with the thin, popular essays of intellectual Rebecca Solnit. She stocked small sci-fi and mystery areas. She had the local illustrator Langston Allston ink an elegant mural behind the main counter. She decided to sell funny socks and R2-D2 coffee mugs, too — she's not crazy. But inside what had been small changing rooms, she painted the walls turquoise and made it comfy. Now, she says, she

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Juice Wrld, who grew up in south suburban Homewood, accepts the award for top new artist at the 2019 Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

A musical legacy is tragically cut short

Chicago rapper Juice Wrld joins list of deaths of young hip-hop artists



GREG KOT
 Tribune music critic

Only hours before Juice Wrld's death Sunday after going into cardiac arrest at Midway Airport, the 21-year-old rapper's record label officially released "Let Me Know (I Wonder Why Freestyle)." In the song, the top-selling artist — born Jarad Higgins in Chicago in 1998 — sounds forlorn. "Let me know, let me know, let me know ... what's up with you," he pleads, at once scolding an ex and pledging his undying love for her. He sounds shattered.

The song, which initially appeared on Soundcloud, is 2 years old. But with Juice Wrld's continued ascent and the song's exploding popularity on the social media app TikTok, Interscope Records decided to release "Let Me Know" anew over the weekend.

The song is in many ways quintessential Juice Wrld. He poses with a hard edge, underpinned by the foreboding bass tones emblematic of Chicago's drill scene, only to let it all melt away as he becomes more vulnerable with each increasingly tender intonation of the "let me

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Plenty of flaws with these Golden Globes nominations

Nyong'o, DuVernay, Gerwig missing invites from the award party



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Talking Pictures

Monday morning's announcement of the 77th Golden Globes nominations can be summed up in four little words: *When they see us*.

Those words refer to more than director Ava DuVernay's conspicuously overlooked Netflix miniseries on the railroading and ultimate vindication of the so-called Central Park Five. The Globes will be held Jan. 5. Here are 10 things about those in the running, as well as those left off the track, out of the stadium and

AWOL — absent without logic — altogether.

1. Female directors blanked, again. The five nominated film directors are Bong Joon Ho, for "Parasite"; Sam Mendes, "1917" (opens Dec. 25); Todd Phillips, "Joker"; Martin Scorsese, "The Irishman"; and Quentin Tarantino, "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood." Greta Gerwig? Ignored for "Little Women" (opens Dec. 25). Lulu Wang? Nowhere to be seen for "The Farewell." Both were far worthier than Phillips and Mendes, but for many, apparently, it's hard to argue with money ("Joker" has made a billion and counting) or a war movie ostentatiously engineered to resemble a single, extended trick shot. In the 77-year history of the Golden Globes, Barbra Streisand won for directing "Yentl." Thirty-six years ago.

If women are wondering when they'll be seen, the 100 or so members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association have an



ELIJAH NOUVELAGE/INVISION

Ava DuVernay arrives on the red carpet at the grand opening of Tyler Perry Studios in Atlanta.

answer: Some other time.

2. Best unrecognized performance of 2019, according to the Globes: Lupita Nyong'o, for her astounding double act in Jordan Peele's "Us."

3. Heartening unexpected

inclusions: Beanie Feldstein, lead actress, musical or comedy, for "Booksmart"; Eddie Murphy, lead actor, musical or comedy, "Dolemite is My Name."

4. Netflix triumphant: 17 nominations in all, across the TV/film spectrum. "Marriage Story," Noah

Baumbach's superb serio-comic dissection of a bicoastal split, leads the movies list with six nominations, including best drama, best actress (Scarlett Johansson), best actor (Adam Driver, who doesn't have a chance

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Honoree Sally Field gives "Sesame Street" character Abby Cadabby a kiss at the Kennedy Center Honors on Sunday in Washington.

Big Bird, Ronstadt, Field honored at Kennedy Center

WASHINGTON — Actress Sally Field, singer Linda Ronstadt and the disco-funk band Earth Wind and Fire shared the spotlight Sunday night as part of the latest group of recipients of the Kennedy Center Honors for lifetime achievement in the arts.

Also in this year's class were conductor Michael Tilson Thomas and long-running children's TV show "Sesame Street."

Sunday's event featured a genuinely unique event for the Kennedy Center as Big Bird walked the red carpet along with fellow "Sesame Street" characters Bert and Ernie, Abby and Cookie Monster, accompanied by their respective humans.

The massive yellow avian's appearance held a particular resonance as Caroll Spinney, Big Bird's original puppeteer, died earlier Sunday at age 85.

"I'm heartbroken that this happened on this particular day," said Sonia Manzano, who played Maria on "Sesame Street." "But I'm glad we're all together."

Field, who has won two Academy Awards and three Emmys, reflected on the unique nature of the Kennedy Center Honors medallion.

"It's not about one performance. It's not about being the flavor of the month," she said. "It recognizes artists whose body of work has resonated over the years."

The event will be broadcast on CBS on Dec. 15.

— Associated Press



DAVID BECKER/GETTY

Aldean performs in Las Vegas: Country singer Jason Aldean has performed in Las Vegas for the first time since he was on stage at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival at the beginning of the Oct. 1, 2017, mass shooting. The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports that Aldean told a packed house at Park MGM's Park Theater during his "Ride All Night" tour stop Friday night that it was "a real special night for us." Aldean capped Friday night's concert with "When She Says Baby," the song he had just started to perform when the shooting erupted. He told the audience that there'd been "a little interruption" during that performance and that he wanted to finish it Friday night. He also performed Tom Petty's "Won't Back Down," which Aldean performed on "Saturday Night Live" six days after the shootings.

Quotable: "I was with my wife at home when we heard the news and she started kissing me. I would like to thank the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for the nomination, so it would give my wife a reason to kiss me." — *Josh Cooley, director of "Toy Story 4," which was nominated Monday for a best motion picture Golden Globe*

Dec. 10 birthdays: Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 68. Actress Susan Dey is 67. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh is 59. Actress Nia Peeples is 58. TV chef Bobby Flay is 55. Actress Emmanuelle Chriqui is 44. Actor Patrick John Flueger is 36. Country singer Meghan Linsey is 34. Actress Raven-Symone is 34.



ASK AMY

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Newlywed wary of holiday tradition

Dear Amy: I am a newlywed. The holiday season is upon us, and I'm trying to coordinate between families, and also get myself into the spirit. However, there is one tradition my husband's family has that I don't understand. I'm not sure how I can fit into this tradition.

Ever since they were children, on Christmas morning, "the kids" (my husband and his now-adult sister) would come down the stairs to open gifts, and their father would video-record it.

Well, we are 26 now, and both siblings live on their own, but my in-laws still think we should do this.

I tried to bring this up to them, saying that we won't even be at their home on Christmas morning, but they brushed it off, saying, "We can do it when you come over at 2 o'clock."

I know it is hard to see your kids grow up, but I did marry their son this year. My husband and I live in our own home about 20 minutes away and visit regularly.

Last year, I was not included in this tradition because I was still "the girlfriend." This year, even if they ask, I'm not sure I want to be included.

Please help me relate to this tradition. I understand it as children, but just as you stop taking pictures of the kids on their first day of school, shouldn't this group grow up?

— *Holiday Grown-ups*

Dear Holiday: This is one of the wackiest and most wonderful holiday traditions I've ever heard of, and, as dumb as you find it to be, I think you should sit back with a beverage, pull

out your phone, and enjoy and film it, in all of its cringy glory. (You could then "bank" the video, in case you might need it one day as some good-natured spousal blackmail.)

This has a "Meet the Parents" quality to it, and I can only hope the adult children dress up in matching "footie" onesies in order to scamper down the stairs and greet their Santa-haul.

Unless this family engages in (other) creepy or juvenile or infantilizing behavior, I think you should see this as a delightful annual one-off. Do not attempt to get in on it. You don't have to do every single thing your husband does. Nor do you need to convince him to stop participating in a silly ritual that might actually have meaning for all of them. Although it would be gracious for them to attempt to include you, you could easily and politely demur.

It would be a fun project for someone to splice together over two decades of this footage into a montage. If you are good at this sort of thing, you might give it to the family as a holiday gift next year.

Dear Amy: I keep in touch with an old, out-of-town friend by phone several times a year.

My friend recently had to move his elderly mother into a memory care center following her Alzheimer's diagnosis.

When we speak next, should I ask how his mom is doing? I'm reluctant to raise an obviously painful subject in the course of an otherwise pleasant conversation.

— R

Dear R: Not only should you ask your friend how his mother is doing, but to avoid this important subject would be insensitive and would not serve your friendship.

Your friend's mother hasn't disappeared. She exists in the world and presumably is still very much in his life.

Yes, this topic might be painful. But friends should be invited to discuss even painful life events and be given the space to tell their story, if they choose to.

If your friend finds his mother's situation too challenging to discuss, he will telegraph this by giving a truncated or noncommittal answer. Then you can move onto another topic.

Dear Amy: I appreciated your musings on being addressed as "young lady" by patronizing strangers.

Just the other day, I told my wife how angry it made me when young people trying to be cute call me "young man." This has been happening for years.

I am a 78-year-old man.

This is just not a "young lady" phenomenon — it is heard by both sexes, and I believe it's an example of ageism. Thanks for bringing it up.

— *Ray in Tucson, Arizona*

Dear Ray: Many mature men have responded to the question from the woman signed "Not Young," who reported how annoying it is to be greeted this way.

Nobody likes it.

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WONDERY

IN PERFORMANCE 'The Tall Boy' ★★★

Tandy Cronyn tackles a gut-wrenching subject

Solo play focuses on fate of children after World War II

BY CHRIS JONES

The sight of Tandy Cronyn, the 74-year-old actress and daughter of Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn, working alone in a small theater on chilly Belmont Avenue in Chicago in December can only mean one thing. Cronyn considers this important work.

After all, Cronyn has not worked in Chicago for 15 years, when she memorably appeared at the Victory Gardens Theater in Jeffrey Sweet's "Berlin 45."

As with that earlier piece, Cronyn's latest project, a 70-minute solo play, is rooted in the human anguish and displacement following World War II.

The play, written by Simon Bent, is an adaptation of a 1951 short story by Kay Boyle, once a foreign correspondent for The New Yorker, until she ran afoul of McCarthyism.

Boyle's story, originally called "The Lost," was set in a camp for displaced children in Germany, a kind of clearing house for the

young, the abandoned and the bereaved. Boyle, as part of her journalism, visited such a place in 1947 in Wildflecken (it was a former S.S. base). There, she found a large number of children awaiting a decision by the United States consul on their fate.

If they had living relatives in their country of origin, they were to be returned there. If they were found to be orphaned, they were allowed to travel to the United States. There were, then, many complicated regulations and procedures to be followed, according to various United Nations agreements. But there also were kids' futures at stake.

There are four characters, all played by Cronyn. Three are adolescent boys whose individual identities and histories are slowly being fused with the influence of the American GIs who surround them and whose country they hope to adopt (the boys, mascots of a sort, have been traveling with U.S. military units and become enamored with all things American). The fourth is the woman who runs the place and has to sort out all of this complexity, none of which was



JUSTIN CURTIN

Tandy Cronyn is clad in an Army uniform as she performs in "The Tall Boy" at Stage 773.

her own creation.

There are, of course, many films and play about immigrants to the United States in the years immediately after the war. This particular piece is a kind of precursor, a portrait of salvation or erasure or transition or, most accu-

rately, all three of those things at once.

As Bent and Tandy surely intend, you can easily translate these issues to the so-called Dreamers of today's immigration debates — young people who may have little knowledge of their country of

origin and who, despite any and all legal questions, have become Americans over a period of time. In 1947, a very similar set of debates was taking place in the former Nazi Germany. It's a history with a capacity to inform the present.

Cronyn, who grew up in

When: Through Dec. 15

Where: Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 10 minutes

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the theater of the old school, is an actress with a level of technique that many young Chicago performers might take the chance to see. And her work comes with an unimpeachable sense of moral authority. Bent's play is straightforward — I'd argue it's a bit too dry and removed in places, given the emotional intensity of the subject — and this is a very simple staging.

Just a desk and the indefatigable Cronyn, clad in an Army uniform, transformed into a no-nonsense administrator faced with the human consequences of war and forced to make the kind of choices few of us would relish.

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against Antonio Banderas for "Pain & Glory" or Joaquin Phoenix for "Joker"), best supporting actress (Laura Dern), best director and best screenplay.

5. The screenwriting nods are among the strongest Globes categories. I'd swap out "Two Popes" writer Anthony McCarten for Greta Gerwig's ambitious, dexterous

"Little Women" adaptation, and (sue me) I like, not love, most everything about the Tarantino picture. But Tarantino will win the Oscar come February for writing "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood." And Brad Pitt will likely take home both the Globe and the Oscar for his supporting-but-really-a-co-lead turn in that commercially successful late '60s do-over.

6. Speaking of the Globes-Oscars pipeline: Whichever pair of films wins at the Globes Jan. 5 (remember, they split the

categories into drama and comedy/musical), it's not a dead cinch to win the top Oscar Feb. 9. Still, the odds favor it, slightly: Eleven out of the last 20 years, from "American Beauty" up through last year's "Green Book," a Globes best picture winner went on to triumph at the Academy Awards.

7. Sometimes, there's a first time for Meryl Streep. She's nominated for "Little Big Lies," her first in the supporting actress TV category, and a record 32nd Globes nomination in all.

8. "Cats!" Opening Dec. 20, the film version of the cruelly popular stage sensation may already (and wholly unfairly, who knows) be the object of ridicule among musical theater friends and foes alike. But Taylor Swift and composer Andrew Lloyd Webber co-wrote a screen addition to the score, "Beautiful Ghosts," nominated for original song. So. There you have it.

9. Robert De Niro, whacked: No lead-actor nomination for the star of "The Irishman," in a highly

competitive category comprising Christian Bale, "Ford v Ferrari"; Banderas, "Pain & Glory"; Driver, "Marriage Story"; Phoenix, "Joker"; and Jonathan Pryce, "The Two Popes." A bigger mistake was nominating Pacino for the same movie.

10. "Parasite," a shoo-in. At a time when foreign-language titles have a hard time making even a few million dollars in America, whatever the critics and festivals and awards have to say about it, the South Korean masterwork is this

year's "Roma": a sure thing in the foreign-language film category. We'll see if that translates to a richly deserved Oscar nomination and, if so, a win — or if "Parasite" is destined to get "Green Book"-ed.

The Golden Globe Awards will be broadcast Jan. 5 on NBC.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Marcus Roberts jazzes Gershwin's Concerto in F

By HOWARD REICH

Does Gershwin's Concerto in F swing? Or should it? Because a jazz sensibility pervades Gershwin's concert music, his masterpieces would seem ripe for development by jazz musicians.

Yet with the exception of "Rhapsody in Blue," which jazz pianist Marcus Roberts reinvented in 1995, few, if any, have dared to take on works such as the Second Rhapsody or the Concerto in F. Gershwin constructed these jazz-influenced pieces so meticulously, and with such deep understanding of classical structure, that any musician who improvises on them runs the risk of scarring and distorting them.

Into the fray once again comes Roberts, who on Sunday afternoon led his jazz trio in a reinvention of the Concerto in F, in its Chicago premiere at the Harris Theater. The stakes were high because the concerto is nearly as revered as "Rhapsody in Blue," thanks partly to its prominence in the Gene Kelly film musical "An American in Paris." Mess up the Concerto in F, and you've contorted a landmark of 20th century Americana.

From the first notes of this performance with the Chicago Philharmonic, however, it was clear that Roberts was not intimidated by the work's stature. For on this occasion, the thundering timpani with which Gershwin opens the piece revealed in swing rhythm, thanks largely to the contributions of trio drummer Jason Marsalis. Clearly, Roberts was throwing down a gauntlet.

Once the orchestra entered the texture, we were back to Gershwin's score as originally written. Yet the dramatic piano solo that followed became a forum for vibrant jazz improvisa-



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Marcus Roberts transforms Gershwin's Concerto in F with the Chicago Philharmonic at the Harris Theater on Sunday.

tion, Roberts interjecting his own thematic material, then leading his trio in a wholly new section suggesting a late-night blues reverie. Now listeners were in uncharted territory.

As the pivotal first movement progressed, Roberts continually confounded expectations. Just when you felt comfortable with orchestral passages familiar from a thousand previous hearings, the trio took flight in melodies never before heard in this music. In effect, Roberts opened up and expanded the concerto, reconceiving Gershwin's piano part as written and weaving new music throughout.

At one point in the first movement — the most formally conceived of the three — Roberts' trio played an extended cadenza built on soaring lines, propulsive swing rhythm and collective virtuosity from the pianist, drummer Marsalis

and bassist Rodney Jordan. When the passage reached its climax, the audience burst into applause, though the movement wasn't yet half over.

Strange though it may seem, the tension between swing sections and four-square classical rhythm proved gripping rather than disconcerting. You simply never knew when this rhythmic roller coaster ride suddenly was going to swerve in another direction — but you couldn't miss a sense of exhilaration whenever it did.

And though Roberts' version of the first movement's final pages strayed far from Gershwin's writing, it emphasized exactly what the composer was aiming to achieve: a riotous burst of syncopation leading to an exultant finale.

Roberts made a jazz nocturne of the slow middle movement, his complex chords and original themes

catapulting a Roaring '20s work directly into the 21st century. True, it would have been impossible for Gershwin to have envisioned such a treatment, since so much has happened in the evolution of music since his death in 1937, at age 38. But considering the forward-looking nature of all Gershwin's music, as well as his close embrace of jazz, classical and ragtime idioms, it's difficult to imagine that he would have objected.

Gershwin, after all, was a superb jazz improviser in his own right: When he played the world premiere of "Rhapsody in Blue" in 1924, his solos were left blank in the score; he created them on the spot.

The concerto's finale posed a particular challenge to the concept of a jazz transformation, for there's only so much you can do with a perpetual-motion piece built on hammering repeated notes. Or

so one thought, until Roberts and friends turned the movement inside out, subverting the repeated-note main theme with shifting meters, alternating tempos and more new themes. This wasn't just a reworking of the last movement; it was a summation of the early jazz-blues lexicon that originally inspired Gershwin and a celebration of what has happened in the music ever since.

If Roberts ever releases a recording of his reimagined Concerto in F, he likely will raise the ire of purists who believe not a sixteenth note of Gershwin's music should be altered. But Gershwin grew up and thrived in the jazz tradition, his concert works practically crying out for at least some musicians to take these scores to new places.

That's what Roberts' trio did, with considerable credit going to drummer Marsalis, whose intricate

counter-rhythms and array of percussion colors enriched the pianist's efforts. So did the idiomatic work of conductor Scott Speck and the Chicago Philharmonic, which elegantly handled intricate interchanges with the jazz trio.

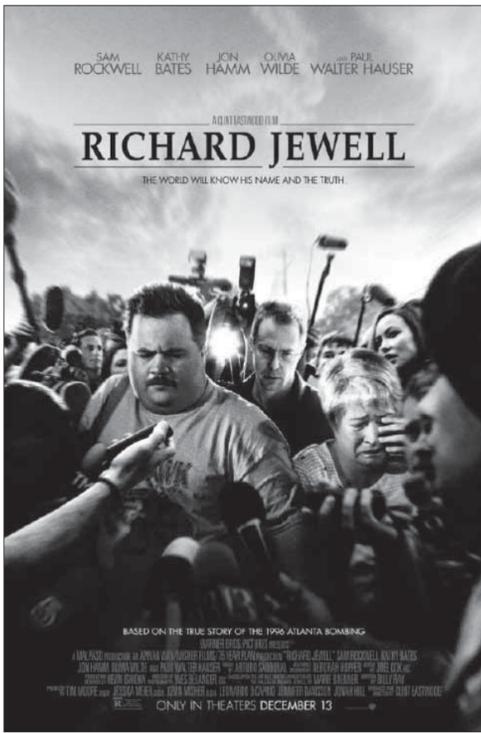
The program also included buoyant accounts of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn's "The Nutcracker Suite," the "December" movement of Tchaikovsky's "The Seasons" (in Aleksander Gauk's arrangement) and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's "Christmas Overture."

But what mattered most was Roberts' definitive answer to whether the Concerto in F should swing: Yes — when handled by a musician who knows precisely how to do it.

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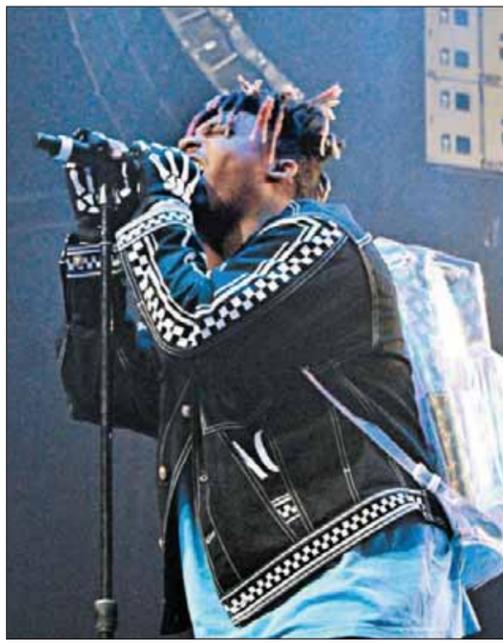
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know" hook.

Those contradictions were part of Higgins' life as well while growing up in suburban Homewood. He was transparent in interviews about his experimentation with drugs as a youth, and his songs continued to reference their presence in his life. At the same time, his musical savvy was apparent at an early age; his mother paid for piano lessons and he was highly regarded as a musician and aspiring songwriter while attending Homewood-Flossmoor High School.

The rapper broke through with "Lucid Dreams," a track that repurposed the gossamer guitar hook from Sting's 1993 track "Shape of My Heart." His 2018 major-label debut, "Goodbye & Good Riddance," sold a million copies. The 2019 follow-up, "Death Race for Love," debuted at No. 1 on the Top 200 chart and was certified gold (500,000 sales) in June. He also toured European arenas with Nicki Minaj earlier this year.

His musical tastes ranged from hip-hop to punk, and he admired the songwriting skill of Nirvana's Kurt Cobain and



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Rapper Juice Wrld performs at ComplexCon Chicago in July at McCormick Place.

Kanye West. It was West's 2008 album, "808s & Heartbreak," that particularly inspired the teenage Juice Wrld as he began producing a steady stream of mix tapes. The rapper was struck by the heartfelt honesty in West's break-up album, in which a revered artist searched for meaning in a life deprived of love.

Juice Wrld found that as he revealed more of him-

self through his music, he struck a deeper connection with his growing fan base, and plugged into a style that was already resonating through contemporaries such as Lil Peep and XXXTentacion.

These rappers conflated heartbreak and depression with self-medication, not so much celebrating drugs as viewing them as a last resort, a way to tamp down the pain that was eating

them alive.

In this world, death seemed not only inevitable but imminent.

"Numb the pain, take these Percs to the mouth and the nose / I'm not a drug addict, got it all wrong / I'm just a love addict 'til my heart gone," Juice Wrld rapped on the recent track "HeMotions."

Juice Wrld now joins a tragic list of relatively recent hip-hop deaths: Lil Peep, XXXTentacion, Mac Miller, Nipsey Hussle. His reality-soaked music brims with pain. His gift was in how he universalized his specific reality — that of a young African American man — by filtering it through a multitude of genres and letting it speak for generations of listeners who listened to blink-182 and Nirvana alongside Lil Wayne and Lil Uzi Vert.

"I talk about a lot of issues I go through and some of my fans go through, and try to create a fellowship where people can relate to each other," he told the Tribune in 2018. "I'm not worried about anyone getting the wrong idea or stereotyping what I'm doing. My music is straightforward because I want to give people me and let them know they're not alone in going through the things that they go through."

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Justin Timberlake and Ellen DeGeneres

"Ellen's Greatest Night of Giveaways" (7 p.m., NBC): On her weekday talk show, Ellen DeGeneres bestows freebies on her studio audience, but she really steps things up in this three-night holiday event, in which she and some of her friends deliver some truly life-changing surprises to a diverse group of deserving but unsuspecting recipients. Justin Timberlake, and Robert Downey Jr. are among DeGeneres' benevolent "accomplices."

"The Conners" (7 p.m., ABC): In a new episode called "Smoking Penguins and Santa on Santa Action," Dan's (John Goodman) feelings are hurt when Becky (Lecy Goranson) is the only family member to remember his birthday. Moreover, he excludes Jackie (Laurie Metcalf) from the family's annual Christmas Santa photo after she is rude to Louise (guest star Katey Sagal). Darlene (Sara Gilbert), meanwhile, must deal with another issue.

"The Masked Singer" (7 p.m., FOX): As this season moves into its final phases, fans get a double helping of new episodes this week, starting with tonight's special event, which features the first time the six remaining characters have competed together. One of them will be unmasked in the final moments of tonight's show. Then, Wednesday brings a special holiday-themed semifinals episode, which will see not one, but two contestants revealed at the end.

"Bless This Mess" (7:30 p.m., ABC): Mike and Rio (Dax Shepard, Lake Bell) are elated at the prospect of sharing their first Christmas alone together as a married couple, but one crisis after another throws a series of wrenches into their romantic fantasy in the new episode "Goose Glazing Time." Kay (Lennon Parham) invites her estranged husband Beau (David Koechner) to spend Christmas with them.

"mixed-ish" (8 p.m., ABC): While Alicia and Paul (Tika Sumpter, Mark-Paul Goselaar) strive to continue the Christmas solstice traditions they observed with their kids while living on the commune, their parents are equally determined that their extended family will celebrate a more traditional Christmas in the new holiday episode "Do They Know It's Christmas?"

"black-ish" (8:30 p.m., ABC): For as long as his family can remember, Pops (Laurence Fishburne) doesn't "do" Christmas, so when he turns up at the house unannounced, with Lynette (Loretta Devine) in tow and filled with the holiday spirit, Dre (Anthony Anderson) can't believe his eyes in the new episode "Father Christmas." The ensuing family gathering is interrupted by someone from Lynette's past.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O'Brien welcomes celebrity guests and draws comedy from poignant news stories and politics.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Annette Bening; Charlie Puth talks and performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Clive Owen; actress Florence Pugh; Jon Batiste performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: "What Child Is This?"	FBI: "Most Wanted."	NCIS: New Orleans: "Tick Tock."	News (N) ♦				
	NBC 5	Ellen's Greatest Night of Giveaways (Series Premiere) (N) ♦	(8:01) The Voice (N) (Live)	(9:01) Making It: "Hopes and Dreams." (N) ♦	NBC 5 News (N) ♦				
	ABC 7	The Conners	Bless This Mess (N)	mixed-ish (N) ♦	black-ish (N) ♦	Emergence: "Where You Belong." (N) ♦	News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	WGN 9	black-ish: "The Purge."	black-ish: "THE Word."	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)		
	Antenna 9.2	Alice	Alice	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson	3's Comp.		
	Court 9.3	Closing Arguments (N)	Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan						
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	8 Days: To the Moon and Back			JFK: The Lost Inaugural Gala			
	CW 26.1	The Flash (N) ♦	Crisis Aftermath (N) ♦	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld			
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil	Tamron Hall	The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops				
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Amok Time."	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦					
Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Greyson Family Christmas (NR, '19)	Kalilah Harris.	Every Day ♦				
FOX 32	The Masked Singer: "A Pain in the Mask." (N)	(8:01) The Moodys: "Episode 5; Episode 6." (Season Finale) (N) ♦	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family					
Ion 38	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law-SVU ♦					
TeleM 44	El sultán (N) ♦	Decisiones: unos (N)	El señor de los cielos (N)	Chicago (N)					
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ♦	Chicago P.D. ♦	Chicago P.D. ♦	Chicago ♦					
UniMas 60	Enamorándonos	Noticiero (N)	Apocalipsis						
WJYS 62	Israel	Gospel	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Ab. Life	Monument		
Univ 66	Ringo (N)	La Rosa de Guadalupe	El dragón (N)	Noticias (N)					
CABLE	AE	The First 48: Tulsa (N)	Behind Bars (Premiere) (N)	Behind Bars (N)	First 48 ♦				
	AMC	Elf (PG, '03) *** Will Ferrell, James Caan. ♦	The Polar Express (G, '04) *** ♦						
	ANIM	North Woods Law: Uncuffed: "Open Season." (N)	North Woods Law	North-Law ♦					
	BBCA	Miracle on 34th Street (PG, '94) *** Richard Attenborough. ♦	Fred Claus (PG, '07) ***						
	BET	♦ (5:30) Soul Plane ('04) **	(7:50) Meet the Browns (PG-13, '08) ** Tyler Perry. ♦						
	BIGTEN	♦ Football	Big Ten	BTN Basketball in 60	BTN Basketball in 60	BIG Show			
	BRAVO	Housewives/OC (N)	Housewives/OC (N)	Housewives-Atlanta	Watch (N)				
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed	Politics		
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦				
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦			
	DISC	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners: "Crossing County Lines." (N) ♦	Gold Rush					
	DISN	Raven	Roll With It	Gabby	Jessie	Coop	Sydney-Max	Raven	
	E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Total Divas (Season Finale) (N) ♦	Nightly (N)		
	ESPN	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Indiana vs Connecticut. (N) (Live)						
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Butler at Baylor. (N) (Live)	Don't Ever ♦					
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ♦	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News				
	FOOD	Chopped Junior (N) ♦	Chopped (N) ♦	Chopped ♦					
	FREE	♦ Arthur C	(7:20) Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG, '00) **	700 Club ♦					
	FX	♦ (6) War for the Planet of the Apes (PG-13, '17) ***	War for the Planet of the Apes *** ♦						
	HALL	Reunited at Christmas (NR, '18)	Beverly Brewer. ♦	(9:03) A Christmas Love Story ('19) ♦					
	HGTV	Fixer Upper	Fixer to Fabulous (N) ♦	Hunt Int'l (N) (Hunters) (N)	Hunters				
	HISTV	Digging Deeper (N)	Curse-Island (N)	(9:03) Kings of Pain (N)	Oak Island ♦				
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
	IFC	Tommy Boy (PG-13, '95) **	Chris Farley. ♦	(9:15) Tommy Boy (PG-13, '95) ** ♦					
	LIFE	Wrapped Up in Christmas (NR, '17)	Tatyana Ali. ♦	(9:03) Christmas Around the Corner ♦					
	MSNBC	All in With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)				
	MTV	Teen Mom 2 (N) ♦	Teen Mom: Young (N)	MTV Special	Teen Mom ♦				
	NBCSCH	Winter (N)	Beer Money	Winter	Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey (N) ♦			
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
	OVATION	♦ An Accidental Christmas	Ghostbusters (PG, '84) ***	Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd.					
OWN	Ambitions	Ambitions (N)	Ambitions (N)	Ambitions ♦					
ODY	Chicago P.D. ♦	Chicago P.D. ♦	Chicago P.D. ♦	Chicago ♦					
PARMT	Beetlejuice (PG, '88) ***	Michael Keaton. ♦	Ink Master Grudge (N)	Beetlejuice					
SYFY	♦ (6:30) Pitch Black (R, '00) **	Radha Mitchell. ♦	The Chronicles of Riddick ('04) ***						
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Misery (N)	Conan (N)			
TCM	The Pink Panther (NR, '63) ***	Peter Sellers. ♦	(9:15) A Shot in the Dark ('64) *** ♦						
TLC	Outdaughtered	Counting On (N)	Welcome to Plathville (Season Finale) (N)	Welcome ♦					
TLN	Way-Master	Studio 5	Focus on	GEN Voices	Life Today	Christmas	Humanit ♦		
TNT	NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Miami Heat. (N Subject to Blackout)	Inside the NBA (N) ♦							
TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy		
TRAV	The Dead Files	The Dead Files	Famously Afraid (N) ♦	Fa. Afraid ♦					
TVL	Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King			
USA	Law & Order: SVU	The Purge: "Hail Mary." (N)	(9:01) Treadstone (N)	Law-SVU ♦					
VH1	Love & Hip Hop	Black Ink Crew: Chicago	Ink						
WE	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order: "Red Ball."	Law ♦					
WGN America	♦ (6) Night at the Museum (PG, '06) **	Night at the Museum (PG, '06) **	Ben Stiller. ♦						
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ (6:05) Unknown ('11) **	Belichick & Saban (N)	(9:15) Silicon Valley	Fletcher ♦				
	HBO2	His Dark Materials	Isn't It Romantic (PG-13, '19) **	Dan Soder: Son of a Gary					
	MAX	Death Becomes Her (PG-13, '92) ***	(8:45) Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again ('18) ***						
	SHO	Ray Donovan: "Hispes."	Inside the NFL (N) ♦	Shameless: "Sparky." ♦	Inside NFL ♦				
	STARZ	♦ A Boy. A Girl. A Dream.	(8:02) Dublin Murders	(9:05) State of Play (PG-13, '09) *** ♦					
STZNC	♦ Friends With Benefits ***	McFarland, USA (PG, '15) **	Kevin Costner. ♦	Prince ♦					

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gets a regular influx of middle-schoolers from the neighborhood who pull YA titles off her shelves and linger inside there for hours.

Which sounds like the way I loitered in mall-based Waldenbooks during my youth, languishing in its carpeted corners after school, crosslegged before stacks. Indeed, when I think of significant moments in the local book community this year — the iconoclastic Richard Powers of Lincolnwood landing a Pulitzer, Northwestern University's Lauren Michele Jackson finding fresh language to address cultural appropriation in "White Negroes," Alex Kotlowitz's "An American Summer" playing like the melancholy sigh of a veteran journalist who spent a career documenting violence in Chicago — I wonder if this Volumes, in a remote nook of a white elephant, is the biggest.

The number of new bookstores in Chicago may have skyrocketed in the past five years; it's a trend that isn't slowing — Semicolon Bookstore & Gallery recently opened on North Halsted, and this February, Madison Street Books will debut in the booming West Loop.

But if George can make a bookstore work in the 900 Shops, bookstores are back to stay, right? After all, she must be doing well enough in Wicker Park to open on North Michigan? Sort of. Not exactly. Depends.

Last year, crunched between city inspectors demanding building upgrades and the unending competition of Amazon, George took to online crowd-sourcing to raise \$60,000 to pay debts.

"But then we did a pop-up in Water Tower, which paid for itself and left a little extra to help with the debt. This is a tough business, you're not making a lot of money. The margins



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The interior of Volumes bookstore in 900 North Michigan Shops, on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. The store had previously succeeded with a pop-up in Water Tower Place.

are tight, but you do it because you love books and after that pop-up, we had people every day asking us to stay downtown. Especially the older folks in the high-rises who don't like to travel. A lot of people had written off bookstores, some seemed to think they didn't belong in the world the way they once had. I disagreed: A lot of bookstore owners had been at it a long time (when the Great Recession hit), the Kindle was coming, a lot of older bookstores were slow to adopt online. Most weren't seeing what was around the corner. Which was the bookstore as neighborhood community spaces for events and gathering. So 900 contacted us, they wanted us to bring in that kind of community vibe to this mall. But the reason we said yes was because they gave us a good deal. In a way, they were paying us to move in."

Which is a great irony. What better way to lend warmth to a cavernous mecca for the rich than a shop that peddles the objects not long ago considered too obsolete to slug it out in their world?

Dan Cullen, the senior strategy officer of the ABA, said many new bookshops are opening on traditional Main Street-like locations,

but "certainly we are seeing not-exactly-small developers also reaching out to independent booksellers to bring in traffic and these so-called 'authentic experiences,' because so much of what we experience in general now is pasteurized and a reflection of corporate ownership, and I'm not slamming corporate ownership, but it's in their business DNA to standardize things. Which makes them hard to reflect local flavors. But that's the DNA of local bookstores."

The Chicago-based mystery writer Lori Rader-Day started being published five years ago, about the time new independent bookstores were opening across the city. "You could see it, that if people knew exactly what they wanted to read, they went online and they didn't go into a physical store, but if a bookstore could be a place with a personal connection where people talked books and where things were happening? It was like this wholesale change in how booksellers thought about the spaces they had."

This new Volumes, she said, felt like something of a throwback to the lunch-hour bookstore of decades past, the kind of casual neighborhood place where people on a break can

browse. But Javier Ramirez, the longtime Chicago bookseller who is opening Madison Street Books with his business partner Mary Mollman, said that same

reliance on local foot traffic makes an enclosed mall bookstore a gamble now: "It's on the top floor, and you have to go up all those escalators just to make it there. I have worked in Loop-area bookstores and the harder you are to get to, the harder it can be to survive."

So George is planning events, author discussions, which are already drawing promising crowds; a talk with the social-media celebrity Toddy Smith recently pulled in about 150 fans, which would be an impressive turnout for any local bookstore happening. However, owning a bookstore in a downtown mall in 2019 does bring a steep learning curve, she said.

"We're doing OK, we're paying rent. In Wicker Park, people buy one paperback at a time, here they grab six at once, so (sales) have been working out." But she's also seeing that Gold Coast retirees just don't buy the same

books as Wicker Park hipsters.

They're not reading Bukowski.

"No, but I have sold a bunch of copies of 'Fight Club,' for some reason."

The 900 Shops as social Darwinism.

"Maybe! Also, in Wicker Park no one touches mysteries or best-sellers — they're not reading James Patterson. They are down there. But they're not reading about social justice, which sells in Wicker Park." History does well, though not local poets. Go figure.

She looked out on the twinkling mall and its Christmas tree reaching five stories.

"I think of this as an opportunity to rethink where and how bookstores can thrive and operate today," she said. "If we can do it in a big capitalist deal like this, we can do it."

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 10): Take charge to get what you really want this year. Steady actions build your financial strength. Winter profits come in handy with a family change. Your personal view changes direction next summer, inspiring profits for shared accounts. Use your charisma, power and confidence for incredible results.

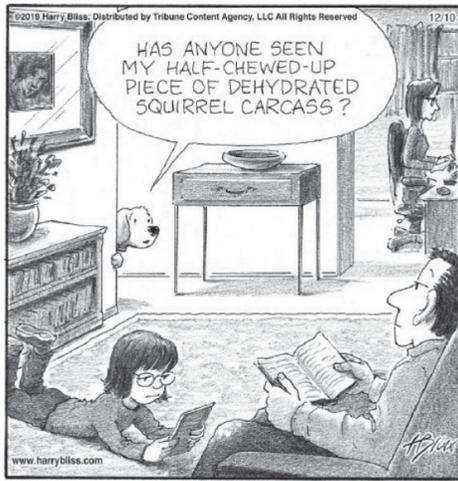
- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Study the options. One direction appears blocked. Communication channels may not flow clearly. Luck and hard work are a winning combo.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. Deep emotions can surface. Pursue a lucrative opportunity. Keep your treasures hidden. Keep your day job until the night job pays. You can do this.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Do the homework with a personal challenge. Take charge of your destiny. Let go of limiting inner monologues that hold you back. Create an inspiring objective.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 6. Consider where you've been and what's ahead. You can be especially productive behind closed doors. Give up something you no longer need. Make plans.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Listen to your team for a wider view on the current situation. Review the rules and determine the obstacles or challenges to be addressed. Align your forces.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Professional changes present a challenge. Consider all points of view. Assess the scope and potential impacts of different options.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. The answer you seek is elusive. Monitor conditions before committing. The news could affect your decisions. Check routes for potential blockage. Craft backup plans.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Collaborate for shared financial gain. A challenge requires teamwork. You can provide skills your partner doesn't have. Assess the scope of what's needed.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Compromise with your partner. Before advancing, listen carefully to avoid a breakdown in communications. Follow your emotions as well as intellect. Patience and humor are helpful.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. When you reach a barrier, don't keep pushing. Stop and look around. Gentle pressure works better than brute force. Avoid breakage. Assess the facts.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Keep your word, especially with the ones you love. Stick to the rules of the game. Avoid someone else's argument. Rest and relax.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Help out at home. Solve a domestic challenge with communication, discipline and heart. Listen to family to process recent events.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ K 9 7 5 3	♥ 9 4	♠ Void	♥ K Q 5 3
♦ 10 8	♣ A 9 7 2	♠ K 7 4 3	♥ Q 10 8 6 3
South		West	
♠ A J 8 2	♥ A 8 6 2	♠ Q 10 6 4	♥ J 10 7
♦ A J 5	♣ K 4	♦ Q 9 6 2	♥ J 5

South's jump to three spades showed a hand with four-card spade support and a maximum. North would probably have passed had South bid only two spades.

South ducked the opening heart lead but won the heart continuation. The contract would make easily with a 3-1 or better split in trumps, so South cashed the ace of spades at trick three. East's club discard was a nasty surprise. South continued by cashing the king of clubs and ruffing a heart in dummy. He then

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	All pass

*Transfer to spades
Opening lead: Jack of ♥

cashed dummy's ace of clubs and ruffed a club with the eight of spades, over-ruffed by West with the 10.

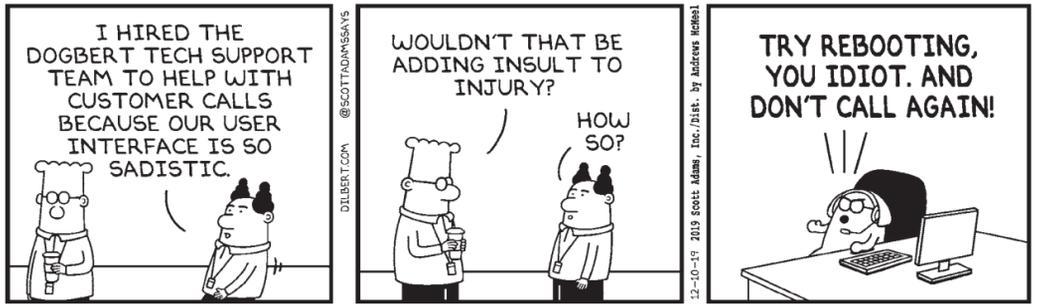
West, with only spades and diamonds remaining, exited with a low spade — a diamond is no better. This ran to declarer's jack, and South led a spade to dummy's king to draw the last trump. This was the position:

North		East	
♠ 9	♥ Void	♠ Void	♥ K
♦ 10 8	♣ 9	♠ K 7	♥ Q
South		West	
♠ Void	♥ 8	♠ Q 9 6 2	♥ Void
♦ A J 5	♣ Void	♦ Void	♥ Void

South led dummy's nine of spades and East couldn't defend the position. East had to shed the seven of diamonds, so South then discarded his heart. A diamond to the ace felled the king and a low diamond toward dummy's 10 set up the jack of diamonds for the tenth trick. Well played!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



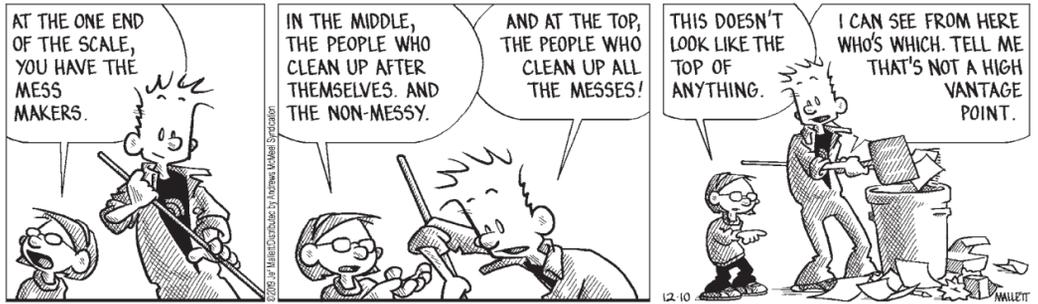
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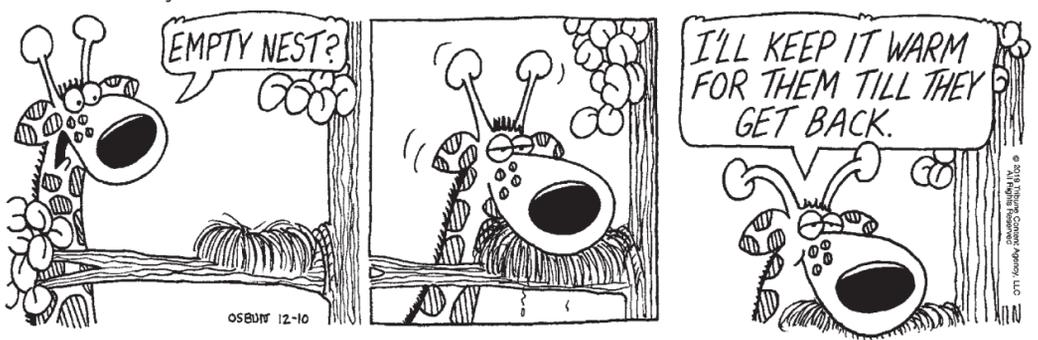
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TUESDAY, DEC. 10 NORMAL HIGH: 36° NORMAL LOW: 22° RECORD HIGH: 62° (1879) RECORD LOW: -8° (1978)

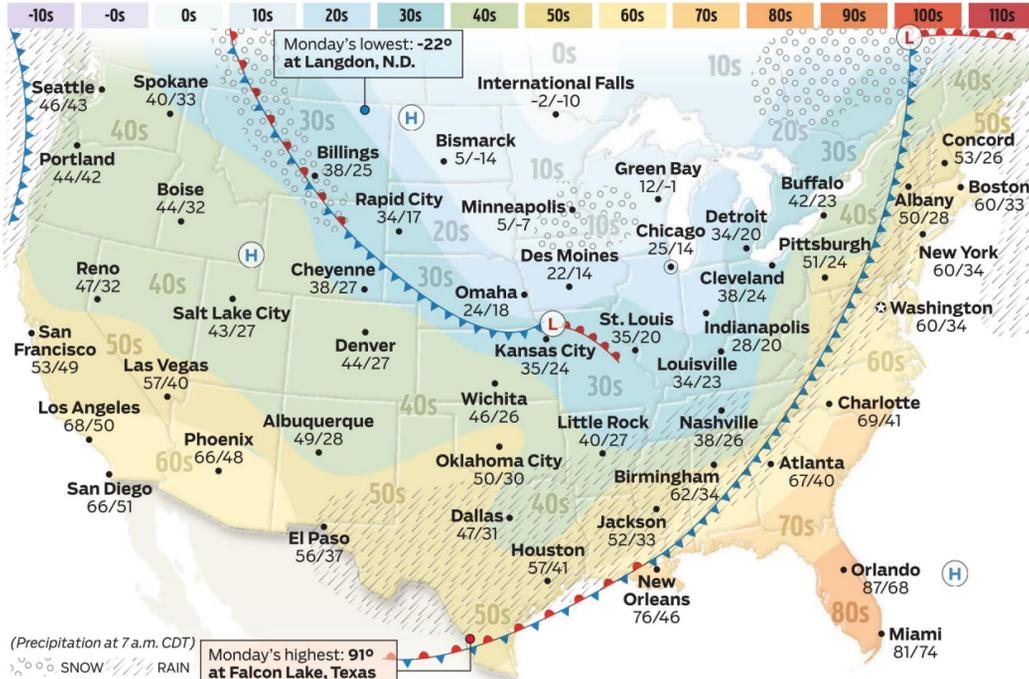
Blustery winds bring big drop in temperature

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 25 **LOW** 14

- Polar air sweeps across area. Wind chills dip to the single digits.
- Blustery, much colder. Lingering cloud patches may yield an errant flurry early, otherwise partly, to most sunny.
- Sunrise temps in the upper teens and low 20s rise little. Daytime readings top out in the mid 20s.
- NW winds 20-25 mph and gusty slowly diminish in the afternoon.
- Fair and colder at night, though clouds increase late. Lows dip to single digits W-N suburbs, low-mid teens city and south.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Low pressure passing north of Chicago on Monday brought another mild day to the area. Afternoon readings peaked at 49 degrees at Midway airport, while O'Hare managed to reach 47. South and east of the city, temps climbed as high as 50. Meanwhile, locations from northwest Iowa to northern Wisconsin received several inches of snow, combined with strong winds and temps hovering near 10. Polar air swept into our area late Monday, sending temps crashing to the 30s. Strong northwest winds gusting over 30 mph will continue Tuesday, bringing temps nearly 25 degrees lower than Monday's readings. The city's first below-normal temperatures for this December are expected Tuesday and Wednesday. The chill is forecast to ease beginning Thursday, with temps climbing back to the 40s by the end of the week.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

HIGH 24 **LOW** 17

Some morning clouds, otherwise mostly sunny much of the day. Cold. Temps again peak in the low-mid 20s. Clouds increase overnight. Not as cold. Temps dip to the teens, then hold steady.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

HIGH 35 **LOW** 29

Considerable mid-high cloudiness signals the arrival of milder air. Some filtered sun emerges at times allowing temps to climb above freezing. Rather windy. S breezes increase to 15-25 mph.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

HIGH 42 **LOW** 33

Modest warming continues. Peaks of sun emerge, otherwise cloudy. Mild S-SW winds of 10-20 mph help boost temps to the low 40s. Winds stay elevated at night, keeping temps near freezing.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

HIGH 40 **LOW** 26

Clouds thicken, leading to a likelihood of rain in the afternoon. Rain changes to snow as temps fall from a midday high near 40, to low-mid 30s by evening. Light winds become NW 15-25 mph.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

HIGH 32 **LOW** 20

Morning clouds break leaving skies mostly sunny as high pressure settles across the Midwest. Brisk NW winds of 15-25 mph bring a new push of cold air. Daytime temps peak around freezing.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

HIGH 30 **LOW** 21

Tranquil, but chilly. Weather system passing well to the south spreads high cloudiness across area skies. Temps reach highs of around 30 degrees, with light N winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

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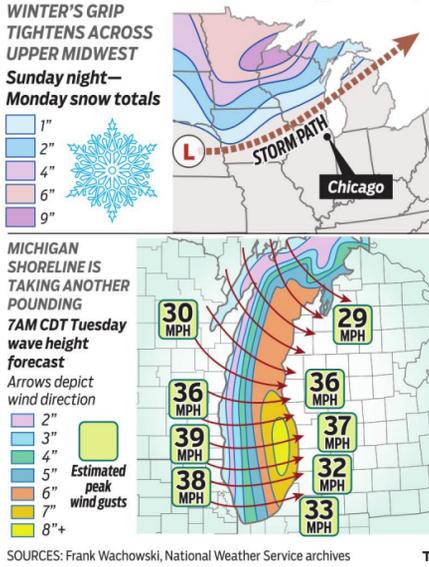
Dear Tom,
Which of the following daily temperature extremes has historically outnum-bered (been a more common occurrence) in Chicago: Days where high temperatures fail to reach 0 degrees or days where the high temperature reaches or exceeds 100 degrees?
Samuel Lobdell, Evanston

Dear Samuel,
You've asked a great question that illustrates the variability of Chicago's climate. Chicago weather historian Frank Wachowski scoured the records and found that dating to 1871, the city has logged 65 days with triple-digit high temps, most recently 103 on July 6, 2012. That constitutes 18 more occurrences than the city's 47 subzero highs; the most recent, a frigid high of minus 10 this past Jan. 30 during the polar vortex. The extremes for each event: 105 on July 24, 1934, and minus 11 on Christmas Eve 1983 and Jan. 18, 1994.

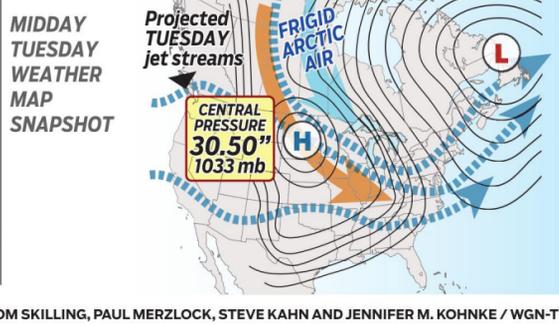
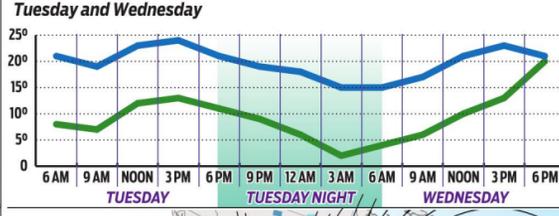
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Strong winds sweep away mildness as cold air stages return



PREDICTED CHICAGO O'HARE TEMPS AND WIND CHILLS



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MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	TUESDAY	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	35	21	pc	45	25	14	Albany	sh	50	28	pc	35	20	14
Carbondale	sh	35	21	pc	45	25	14	Albuquerque	pc	50	29	pc	56	34	20
Champaign	sh	28	16	pc	33	22	11	Albany	sh	50	28	pc	35	20	14
Decatur	sh	29	18	pc	34	23	12	Amarillo	pc	51	30	pc	56	34	20
Peoria	sh	28	15	pc	32	22	11	Anchorage	pc	37	31	pc	34	31	17
Quincy	sh	32	19	pc	38	27	16	Asheville	pc	56	32	pc	41	23	9
Rockford	sh	31	18	pc	37	23	13	Aspen	pc	54	33	pc	39	12	0
Springfield	sh	31	18	pc	37	23	13	Atlanta	pc	67	40	pc	51	35	21
Sterling	sh	24	12	pc	27	17	7	Atlanta City	pc	60	34	pc	41	25	11
Indiana	sh	29	21	pc	36	23	13	Austin	pc	47	36	pc	60	36	22
Bloomington	sh	33	23	pc	42	25	15	Baltimore	pc	59	34	pc	41	25	11
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St. Marie	ss	15	4	pc	14	10	5	Concord	pc	53	26	pc	33	17	3
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